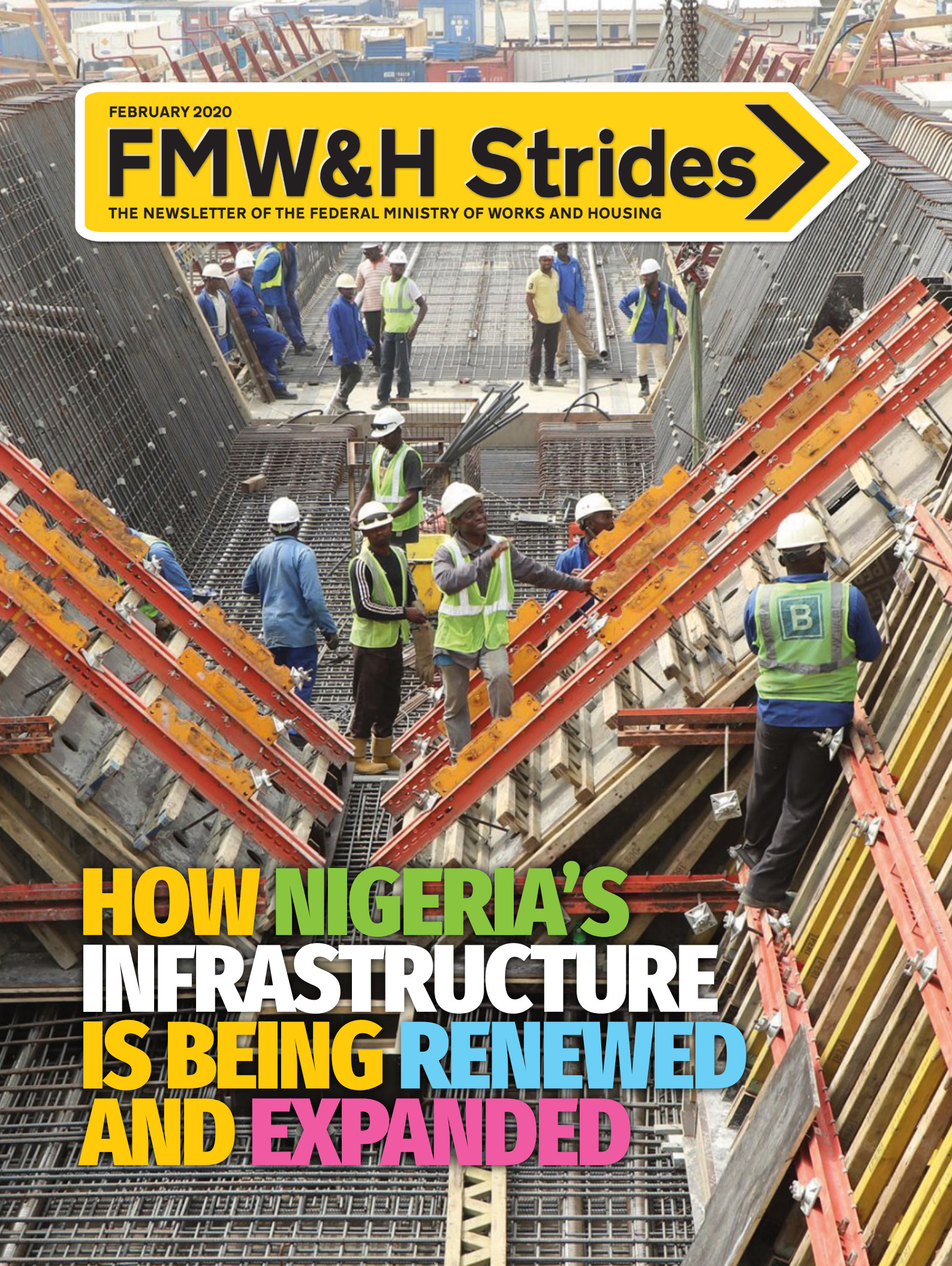


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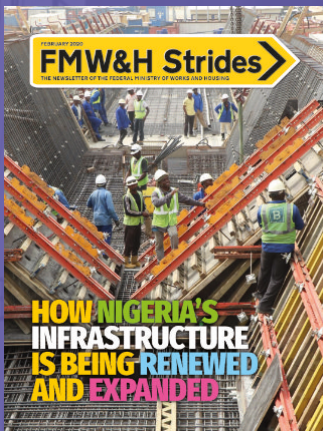
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'DAZZLING DELIVERY' DETAILS AND MUCH MORE



Hon Minister Babatunder Fashola SAN (right) being briefed by the Project Director, Engr. Friedrich Josef Wieder (middle) during the inspection of the 2nd Niger bridge in Anambra and Delta States, 11 February 2020

Welcome to another issue of *FMW&H Strides*.

How are we faring? Please let us know. It is our wish to continue to improve, and there is a lot that you can help us with in that regards: by your feedback.

In this issue, we bring to you the details of the presentation by the Minister of Works & Housing, Mr Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN, to the Federal Executive Council on the progress of Nigeria's infrastructural development being made by the ministry.

The Special Adviser to President Muhammadu Buhari on Media and Publicity, Mr Femi Adesina, described it as "dazzling". Fashola's colleague in the Interior Ministry, Rauf Aregbesola described the presentation as "beautiful, well-delivered, with good articulation."

Here you have the meat of the matter.

In *Starters*, we feature the commissioning of the pilot of the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria's Estate Development Loan.

Much more to read and digest to enrich your knowledge, in the pages ahead.

Let nothing stop you.

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Entrance of the Woodhill Estate at Godoji Road, Kuje, FCT Abuja

Vision accomplished with new Co-op Housing Estate in Abuja

At the Presidential Retreat for Ministers-designate, Presidential Aides, and other top Government functionaries, in August 2019, President Muhammadu Buhari declared that one of his administration’s #NextLevel commitments was “to deepen access of Nigerians to affordable housing and consumer credit.”

At the event, the Minister for Works and Housing, Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN, unveiled the plan by the Ministry to execute the vision through the granting of loans by its agency, the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN), to cooperative associations, to build houses.

By using Cooperatives as anchor, Fashola noted that the Federal Government hoped to reach the large

members of the informal sector and scale up construction of houses with its multiplier effects on the economy – boosting of cottage industries which make building materials such as paints, doors, roofing materials, nails and electrical fittings – and employment and income for artisans who would build the houses.

Hurrah: on 17 February 2020, Fashola commissioned the first set of 77 housing units - 40 2-bedroom semi-detached bungalows and 37 3-bedroom detached bungalows- built by

the AKACARE Cooperatives at the Woodhill Estate in Kuje, Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja.

He said that, in flagging off the policy with the AKACARE Cooperative Housing Scheme, Government “seeks to multiply the number of housing units FMBN had financed for some cooperatives in the formal sector by unleashing the power of cooperatives and empower their voluntary will to act together in pursuit of the common desire to access housing and credit.”

All the Cooperatives are to do are register, acquire land with title and building permit from the government of the respective states where their land is located.

Commending AKACARE Cooperative for embracing the #NextLevel initiative, Fashola declared: “As every cooperative chooses what it desires and can afford, the FMBN, representing the Federal Government of Nigeria, will be your partner, providing financial support to enable you act voluntarily to choose and build what you accept and your income can afford.”

In his opening remarks, the Managing Director/Chief Executive of FMBN, Arc. Ahmed Musa Dangiwa, said the basic infrastructure already built to fully service the Estate includes an internal road network, electricity and water works to create a conducive and liveable environment adding that five of

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Some of the 2-bedroom semi-detached bungalows inside the Estate



Heart of Nigeria's economic renaissance pumping Steadily

View from below of one of the bridge spans under construction at the Asaba section of the 2nd Niger bridge

“Our primary business over the next four years is to work together towards delivering the results that the people of Nigeria expect from us.

We have a great opportunity as an administration to build on the progress already made, in order to build and fundamentally shift Nigeria's trajectory to the path of steady growth and development.

As you are aware, the Federal Executive Council meeting is held on a weekly basis. As part of efforts towards ensuring effective delivery on our priorities, I have directed the Secretary to the Government of the Federation to track progress against what we have committed to do to achieve these objectives.”

- **President Muhammadu Buhari**, while swearing in federal ministers on Wednesday 21 August 2019

It was in line with President Muhammadu Buhari's directive to track the performance of his ministers that the Minister of Works & Housing, Mr Baba-

tunde Raji Fashola, SAN, made a presentation to the Federal Executive Council on the progress of infrastructural renewal and expansion.

So, why did Fashola's presentation “(get) everyone applauding,” in the words of the Special Adviser to President Buhari on Media and Publicity, Femi Adesina and a fellow minister, Rauf Aregbesola (Interior Ministry) describing it as “beautiful, well-delivered, with good articulation.”

In the comment

Simple: proof of infrastructure being delivered across the federation, in videos, pictures, tables and charts.

Samples:



Final inspection of the completed section of Kara end to Berger Bus Stop of Lagos-Ibadan Expressway on 29 Feb 2020

- Steady progress on three critical infrastructure - construction of the 2nd Niger Bridge and the reconstruction of the 127-km Lagos-Ibadan Expressway and the 375-km Abuja-Kaduna-Zaria-Kano dual carriageway, a major trunk road linking the southern and northern parts of Nigeria – all being financed by the specially-created Presidential Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) being managed by the Nigerian Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA)
- Steady progress on the construction of the Oju/Loko-Oweto Bridge over River Benue to link Loko (Nasarawa State) and Oweto (Benue State); Lokoja-Obajana-Kabba-Ilorin Road (a section of which is being constructed by the Dangote Group in exchange for tax remissions; Bida-Lambata road; Dualisation of Suleja-Minna road, Kano-Maiduguri road, Enugu-Port Harcourt dual carriageway and Onitsha-Enugu Expressway.
- Steady progress on the Bodo-Bonny project, which is also being part-financed by the Nigeria LNG Limited for tax con-

- cessions.
- Ongoing and completed inner roads in 43 federal universities across the country.
- Houses being built under the National Housing Programme in the States which provided land for the purpose and the Federal Capital Territory.
- And jobs being created: 455,048 direct jobs, 61,950 indirect ones (in the housing sector) and 49,080 direct and 95,315 indirect jobs in the highway construction sector.

In the words of the Minister, “the Ministry within the period under review (August – December, 2019) has focused on the key areas of deliverables set for it by the ERGP (Economic Recovery Growth Plan) with a view to changing the national economic trajectory in the Infrastructure Sector in a fundamental way.

“The policies, programmes and



Loko-Oweto Bridge linking the east with the north of the country

projects of the Ministry have contributed to stabilise the macro-economy of the country through job creation as a result of constructions at various sites across the country. In the same vein, construction and rehabilitation of roads has supported increased agricultural productivity and food security through easy evacuation of farm produce to markets across the country. These activities have positively impacted transportation by reducing travel times along some routes that were hitherto difficult to traverse, thereby complementing other infrastructure along the alignments where roads are constructed.

The activities of the Ministry have contributed to enabling the

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IN PHOTOS**27 JAN**

HRH. Alhaji Yusuf Nuhu, The Etsu of Agaie greets the Minister of Works and Housing Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN, who is in the company of directors of the ministry and some journalists on inspection tour of the Construction of Agaie-Katcha-Baro Road (Rigid Pavement) in Niger State

30 JAN

Acting Director, Highways North East, Engr. Rugba Emenoge inspecting the construction of Tudun-Wuss-Baraza-Durr-Zumbul-Polchi-Dot-Kwanar Road in Bauchi State

10 FEB

Personnel of RCC Niger Limited at work on the dualisation of Lokoja-Benin Road, Obajana Junction-Benin City, Section IV, Ehor-Benin City in Edo State, Contract No. 6138 (Sukur Project)

11 FEB

Hon Minister Babatunde Fashola SAN (left) being conducted around by the Project Director, Engr. Friedrich Josef Wieder (right) during the inspection of the 2nd Niger bridge in Anambra and Delta State

11 FEB

Participants at the "Sensitisation/Awareness Programme on Servicom Principles and Service Delivery/Improvement" Organised by the Department of Reform Coordination and Service Improvement at the Ministry's Conference Hall

13 FEB

Minister of Works & Housing, Babatunde Raji Fashola, during his inspection of the dualization of Odukpiani-Itu (Spur to Ididep Itam) - Ikot Ekpen Road in Cross River/Akwa Ibom States

23 FEB

The Minister of State for Works & Housing, Engr Aliy D Abubakar, FNSE briefing journalists after his inspection of the Gaya-Wudil axis in Kano State. With him are the Zonal Controller North West and some staff of the Kano State Ministry of Works & Housing and officials of the Dantata and Sawoe Company which is working on the road.

26 FEB

The Minister of Works & Housing Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN (middle) and the Minister of State, Engr. Abubakar D. Aliyu, FNSE (3rd left) flanked by the Management of the African Regional Institute for Geospatial Information Science and Technology (AFRIGIST) who had paid a courtesy visit to the minister

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growth of other sectors of the economy such as:

- a) Mining sector through the supply of aggregates, laterite, limestone and other building materials;
- b) Cement manufacturing, Bitumen (Importation); steel production to support construction needs;
- c) Property values are reportedly appreciating by 30 – 40% as a result of road transport infrastructure;
- d) Demand for petroleum products like Diesel, Petrol, Lubricants and tyres have increased as a result of construction activities and the



A bridge under construction on the Bodo-Bonny road, Rivers State

need to operate machines. A contractor reportedly ordered 600 new tyres for his trucks as a result of payment to mobilize to site.”

According to Adesina, “as the minister made his presentation, I observed the President smiling in delight, grinning broadly at some other times, shaking his legs and rubbing his palms together. He saw money being well spent, the

dividends of democracy being delivered to the people, and he was quite glad.”

Why not? After all, he said: “Our primary business over the next four years is to work together towards delivering the results that the people of Nigeria expect from us.”

It is the #NextLevelTrain in motion.

And, it is unstoppable.

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the completed units were already occupied by subscribing members of AKACARE Multipurpose Cooperative Society who were also present at the occasion.

The ongoing second phase of the project will deliver an additional 77 units to make a total of 154 houses in all adding that to improve accessibility to the Estate, FMBN was providing an additional loan to complete the 2.1-kilometre access road from the major junction as its socio-economic contribution to open up that area of Kuje for other real estate developments.

Expressing appreciation to the Minister for driving the vision and the passion for the model of affordable housing delivery through cooperative societies, the FMBN boss added that already, at about 17 jobs per unit, the project has created 1,309 direct jobs to the local environment adding that the Bank would continue to strive to keep positively impacting the Nigerian economy through its business.

...as FMBN's Estate Development Loan Scheme takes off

Four days after the Kuje launch, the Minister was in Gombe to commission 62 3-bedrooms and 82 2-bedrooms on Dukku Road Housing Estate, Gombe, financed through FMBN's Estate Development Loan.

For FMBN's Board Chairman, Dr Adewale Adeeyo and Managing Director, Arc Ahmed Musa Dangiwa, it was an affirmation that the National Housing Fund (NHF) scheme is meeting its mandate of delivering decent and affordable houses to Nigerians, especially those within the medium- and low-income brackets.

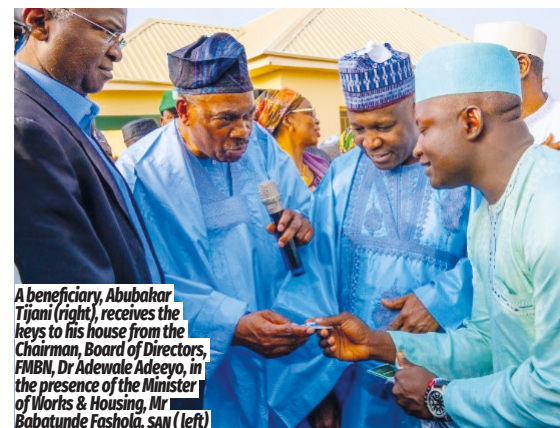
For the Acting Managing Director of Gombe State Investment and Property Development Company, Mohammed Bashir Nuhu, pioneering the Scheme in the federation and getting the houses ready on schedule, it was the making of history.

For the beneficiaries of the houses, it

was pure joy to become “landlords”.

Governor Yahaya thanked the President Muhammadu Buhari Administration for not only providing houses for Nigerians but also jobs through the scheme.

As it were, the success of this scheme and the Cooperatives' Housing Scheme will go a long way in fulfilling President Buhari's June 12 Charter of Prosperity by President Buhari: to lift 100 million Nigerians out of poverty.



A beneficiary, Abubakar Tijani (right), receives the keys to his house from the Chairman, Board of Directors, FMBN, Dr Adewale Adeeyo, in the presence of the Minister of Works & Housing, Mr Babatunde Fashola, SAN (left)

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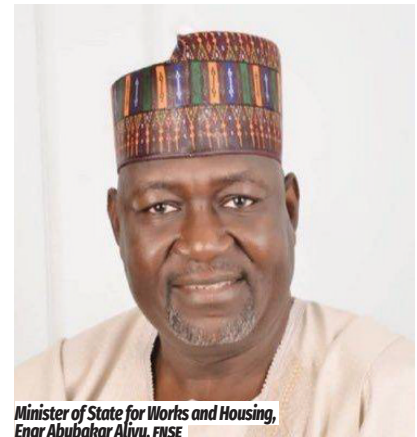
Hon Minister Babatunde Fashola (left) at the 5 Feb 2020 FEC meeting presided over by President Muhammadu Buhari (right)

FEC approves N65.9B roads' contracts

On Wednesday, 5 February, the Federal Executive Council, with President Muhammadu Buhari chairing, approved of the memo from the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to award contracts for the construction of roads across Nigeria valued at N65.9 billion.

Minister of State for Works and Housing, Engr Abubakar Aliyu, FNSE, briefed correspondents covering the State House, on the roads and their value.

Construction of the Phase II of Jalingo-Kona-Lau-Karim-Lamido Road, about 29km, at N6.92 billion, plus VAT. Phase I of the road already done.



Minister of State for Works and Housing, Engr Abubakar Aliyu, FNSE

Dualisation of the outstanding portion of the Odukpani-Itu-Ikot-Ekpene Road in Cross River State to Akwa Ibom State, costing N50.3 billion and to be completed in 36 months.

In December 2019, a bridge in Ajaokuta was shown having an opening at the expansion joint. Emergency repairs had begun on it and FEC approved the sum of N1.5 billion for the job.

Reconstruction of the Iseyin/Okeho road and two other bridges located in Oyo State; at the cost of N6.87 billion and completion period of 18 months.

Keep a date with FMW&H STRIDES on the progress of construction.

NEXT LEVEL AGENDA: Road signages across Nigerian highways for better travel experience and safety

