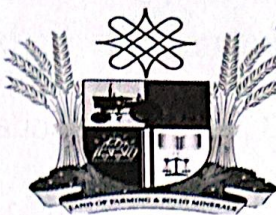


ZAMFARA STATE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

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**CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999
(AS AMENDED)**

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In the Exercise of the Powers Conferred on me by Sections 5(2), 176(2) and 315 (2) of the **Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999** (as amended), as well as Section 36 of a law to Provide for the Establishment of Zamfara Investment Promotion Agency to make Provisions For Investment promotion and Public Private partnership in the state and other matters Connected there with 2023, and all other powers enabling me in that behalf , **I, Dauda Lawal, the Executive Governor, Zamfara State**, in the quest of this administration to provide a dedicated funding mechanism to support project preparation, regulatory streamlining investor services and feasibility development across strategic sectors for accelerated Economic growth, investment facilitation and private –Sectors participation.

AND to comply with SERBER disbursement Link indicator 3 (DLI 3) of the SERBER Program that encourages state to straighten their investment promotion and Public –private Dialogue frameworks by Creating transparent, functional, and well –governed mechanisms for Project development, investor facilitation and investment pipeline management and also to Support the Establishment of Structure facilities Such as a project facilitation fund (PFF) to finance preparation and advancement of Investment- ready Projects Do here by issue the following Orders;

1. This Order may be Cited as the Establishment of the Zamfara State Projection Facilitation Fund and its Issuance Regulation Order No. 05 2025 and Shall Come into Operation on the.....Day of, 2025;
2. From the commencement of this Order:
3. **Establishment of the Zamfara State Project Facilitation Fund (PFF).**
 - (a) The Zamfara State PFF ("the Fund") is established as an interim State investment facilitation instrument to support the origination, preparation, evaluation, and advancement of priority projects in Zamfara State.
 - (b) The Fund shall operate under the oversight, management, and coordination of the ZIPA pending legislative enactment.
 - (c) The Fund is authorized to receive allocations, grants, contributions, and other approved financial inflows from Government, development partners, private sector contributors, and other lawful sources.
4. **"Objectives of the Fund"** the Fund is Established for the following Objectives :
 - (a) To finance early-stage project development activities, including feasibility studies, business case development, technical assessments, regulatory compliance support, and investment promotion activities.
 - (b) To support Zamfara Investment Promotion Agency (ZIPA) in developing a pipeline of bankable, investment-ready projects aligned with the State's economic priorities.
 - (c) To remove barriers to investment by funding interventions that enhances the ease of doing business, regulatory reforms, investor aftercare, and public-private sector coordination.
 - (d) To strengthen Zamfara State's competitiveness and credibility as an investment destination across agriculture, mining, infrastructure, logistics, services, and other productive sectors.
 - (e) To ensure SABER alignment: the Fund shall demonstrate an intention to provide financing equivalent to at least three percent

(3%) of the estimated capital investment value of the State's project pipeline for either FY-2025 or FY-2026, limited exclusively to projects scheduled for preparation in the selected fiscal year, in accordance with SABER verification requirements.

5. "Powers and Functions of ZIPA under this Executive Order" the Zamfara Investment Promotion Agency is empowered to:

- (a) Set up, manage, and operationalize the PFF, including establishing appropriate governance, risk, monitoring, and reporting systems for the Fund.
- (b) Develop and issue Regulations, Guidelines, and Operational Manuals necessary for the effective administration, disbursement, and utilization of the Fund, including eligibility criteria, approval processes, fiduciary controls, procurement rules, reporting frameworks, and supervision mechanisms.
- (c) Identify, screen, priorities, and prepare projects requiring support from the PFF.
- (d) Engage relevant MDAs, development partners, investors, and technical experts in the development and facilitation of State priority projects.
- (e) Maintain adequate records, publish periodic reports, and ensure transparency and accountability consistent with SABER benchmarks.
- (f) Carry out all incidental activities necessary for achieving the objectives of the Fund.

6. Role of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs)

- (a) All MDAs are directed to collaborate fully with Zamfara Investment Promotion Agency (ZIPA) in the implementation of this Executive Order.
- (b) MDAs shall provide relevant data, documentation, technical inputs, and other support required for the preparation and advancement of projects benefitting from the Fund.
- (c) No MDA shall establish a duplicative project facilitation mechanism without prior approval of the Governor.


7. **Interim Nature of the Project Facilitation Fund**

- (a) This Executive Order establishes the PFF strictly as an interim instrument.
- (b) The Zamfara State Ministry of Justice is hereby directed to prepare and submit to the Executive Council a Draft Bill establishing the PFF as a statutory Fund aligned with SABER requirements within 90 days of this Order.

8. **Interpretation**

- (a) For purposes of this Order:
 - (i) **"Fund" or "PFF"** means the Zamfara State Project Facilitation Fund; a funding initiative employed by the state government to help fund the preparation stage of the PPP project (by funding project development activities such as feasibility study, market strategies, project design, structuring, and tendering) to meet the up-front cost of preparing a PPP project.
 - (ii) **"Agency"** means the Zamfara State Investment Promotion Agency (ZIPA).
 - (iii) **"FY"** means financial year.
 - (iv) **"Project Preparation"** includes feasibility studies, technical assessments, concept notes, business cases, risk analyses, and similar activities.
- (b) The Governor may modify or review the Order as circumstances require.

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DATED THIS.....DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025



Dauda Lawal
Executive Governor, Zamfara State