Speech by His Excellency, Mallam Dikko Umaru Radda, PhD., CON, (The Executive Governor of Katsina State) delivered at the programme: "Peace Architectures for Peace Building and Prevention in Strengthening Community Livelihoods in Katsina State" on Thursday, 11th July, 2024.

Distinguished Guests,

Honorable Members of the State Executive Council, Esteemed Representatives of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), Beneficiaries from Kaita and Faskari Local Government Areas, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning.

It is with great pleasure and immense gratitude that I stand before you today at this significant programme dedicated to "Peace Architectures for Peace Building and Prevention in Strengthening Community Livelihoods in Katsina State." This event marks a vital step in our ongoing efforts to foster peace and prosperity in our beloved state.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our esteemed development partners, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP). Your unwavering support and commitment to our state's welfare are truly commendable. This generous provision of livelihood support on agriculture, including essential farm implements and fertilizer, is a testament to your dedication to improving the lives of our people.

I would also like to commend the effort of the Honorable Commissioner of the Ministry of Women Affairs, Katsina State, for facilitating this invaluable support. Your leadership and dedication to the well-being of our women and communities are exemplary and deeply appreciated.

Today's distribution of agricultural materials to beneficiaries from Kaita and Faskari Local Government Areas is more than just an act of charity; it is a powerful tool in our collective mission to alleviate poverty and build a sustainable future. By empowering our citizens, especially our women, with the resources they need to thrive in agriculture, we are laying the groundwork for long-lasting peace and stability in Katsina State. As we all know, the effects of poverty can be profound and far- reaching, often fueling unrest and instability. However, through initiatives like this, we can break the cycle of poverty and creates opportunities for growth and development. This programme will go a long way in cushioning the effects of poverty and strengthening our peace-building efforts.

I am proud to say that, despite our state's scarce resources, we have been able to execute numerous empowerment and support programmes and leverage many federal government programs and interventions, along with the invaluable contributions of our development partners, to empower more and more women in our communities. These collective efforts are creating a brighter and more prosperous future for Katsina State.

To the beneficiaries, I urge you to make the most of the materials provided to you today. Use these farm implements and fertilizers wisely and effectively to enhance your agricultural productivity and improve your livelihoods. Remember, this support is not just for your benefit but for the benefit of your families, your communities, and our state as a whole.

In conclusion, let us continue to work together, hand in hand, to build a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable Katsina State. With the support of our development partners, the dedication of our state government, and the hard work of our citizens, I have no doubt that we will achieve our goals and create a brighter future for all**.**

Thank you, and May God bless Katsina State.

His Excellency, Mallam Dikko Umaru Radda, PhD., CON Executive Governor, Katsina State.