

# The MANIFESTO of Providence People's Congress



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#### INTRODUCTION

We have lived in Nigeria, we are Nigerians and we have watched Nigeria in its rise and fall. Today Nigeria lives in our heart we cannot be freed from Nigeria at home or abroad, we live Nigeria and Nigeria lives in us.

We should have no need to venture out on this Crusade were all to be well with Nigeria, we have contributed ideas, we have participated in mass struggle to put our nation on course and we have always retreated living the centre stage for those who we feel were capable to move our nation to glory.

The situation of our dearly beloved country now needs the intervention of selfless, God fearing men and women of middle age who can serve as a bridge between the first post-colonial leaders who had retain power tirelessly and the upcoming generation who never saw anything good in the Estate called Nigeria.

Our resolve to step into the pursuit of political power is far from personal goal or personnel desire to become somebody, rather it is a call to duty; we believe because of our children and the collective good of our nation we must make this sacrifice.

We are stepping out chiefly to rescue Nigeria from further decay. We see our roles as divine responsibility. We are on a redemptive reformation course. And we want our country men and women to enjoy all the blessings that the maker of heaven and earth had blessed our country with. We want to restore the glory lost. We are sure this can be done overnight because we know that Nigerians are God's best for the world.

In our watch and much prayer, we are conscious that our non-involvement will tantamount to irresponsibility, self centeredness arising from the culture of self preservation. We must escape from this irresponsibility and arise to take the challenges of our time and take our Country to its destiny. We are therefore taking on this assignment to remove the rot from the marrows of our nation and remove the virus of corruption from our social system and national life. We are coming on a head on collision against evil because Righteousness Exalts a Nation!

Our manifesto is hereby presented to show our approach to the challenges facing our country and we are sure to labor with the owners of Nigeria to make it a glorious Estate:-

#### The problems we want to confront

We do not want to go into rhetoric on the diverse challenges facing Nigeria which we cannot exhaustively discus under this manifesto. However, we want to say that, today we know that the following plagues must be confronted-:

- (a) Injustice- Showing itself in the impoverishment of the people in the midst of plenty.
- (b) Insecurity-: Arising from mass killing and very low quality of life of the people.
- (c) Insincerity-: Paying lips service to the challenges of infrastructural development and youth employment.
- (d) Indiscipline -: recklessness in the use of money and bad management of sources of income.
- (e) Corruption -: Evidence in the culture of connivance between the political class and civil servants at top level.
- (f) Decay -: Showing in the collapse of all our socioeconomic institution.

- (g) Incompetence -: Showing in our failures at various competitions with other rations and several plane crashes.
- (h) Lack of will -: Reflecting in poor budget performance over the years.
- (I) Greed -: Reflecting in senseless acquisitive attitude and ostentatious life style.
- (j) Reflected:- Poor living condition, unemployment of our youths, maternal mortality, infant mortality, epidemics, dirty environment and high rate of HIV etc.
- (k) Rituals -: Killing of other people by human to advance selfish interest.

The list is in exhaustive but we have said this much to reflect our knowledge of the issues to confront. What do we have as the way out of these quagmires of failures?

#### PANACEA TO THE NIGERIAN CHALLENGES

The first basic step is our admittance as a party that, there is a problem and we are all responsible for where we are, either through our actions or inactions. We are willing to repent from our wrong approach to life and be prepared to change so that our situation can change.

It will therefore mean essentially that our party will lead by example, we would demonstrate-:

- (a) Good sense of justice, by promoting equity, fairness and justice across board.
- (b) Security -: Our approach to security problem is to foster adequate human resource management, once everyone is actively engaged in Nation Building, crime

- will drastically reduce and sense of patriotism will be developed in the citizenry.
- (c) Transparency and Accountability shall be our role model -: Each of our public officers will as their requirements publish their asset before and after they leave office. Citizens' involvement in nation building will strengthen the process of honesty.
- (d) Righteousness -: Development shall be people based. Bottom-up approach will be our method, the people shall be the king while the Politicians and Civil workers shall truly serve the people.
- (e) Revamping all abandoned projects across the land and finding the best use for them through citizens' participation -: Re-orientation of all civil workers and public servants to the ideals of democratic governance. Defining goals, objectives and strategies for Institutions that will drive development process
- (f) Diligence in handling of all assignments and responsibilities of State and careful program supervision of all private sector activities to ensure moderation and consumer protection.
- (g) Strong will to undertake change program that will enhance higher quality of life for the entire citizenry.
- (h) Fair distribution of resources in ways and manner that justify input and output reward system.
- (I) Ensuring prosperity of all citizens through empowerment of all and sundry in exercising their talents for the development of our nation.
- (j) Sanctity of life -: we are set to increase the life

expectancy rate of an average Nigerian from the current below 45yrs for men and women to above 60yrs for men and women through improved health care delivery system, decent housing and improved workleisure activities.

In undertaking these and many other program we shall broadly engage the Community development Bodies in setting development agenda for every local community through prototype of our program as a model to address in specific peculiarity all issues affecting these sectors:

- education
- transportation
- health
- commerce and industry
- housing
- security
- agriculture and rural resources
- power- and technology
- communication and IT
- planning, research and statistics

#### Planning, Coordination and Research

The village model system will operate under an influence of synergy such that waste and duplication would be avoided. Planning, co-ordination and Research Division would work with heads of all other divisions to ensure synchronization of activities in ways and manner that will achieve complimetality and interdependence of divisions. Each division will have officers of PCR to handle monitoring of projects and report feedbacks from each of the division such that improvements will be continuous as feedbacks are evaluated. Monitoring indicators for each project will be developed under project design and both process and Impact Assessment will be provided by PCR.

#### Resource, Materials and Funds Mobilization

For every community a certain percentage of resources, materials and funds are resident hence the RMF division would undertake the initial mobilization of internally available Resources Materials and Funds and go ahead to determine what would be needed more to undertake activities. The RMF would work closely with PCR and feedback will also be given at interval of time to the village congress.

# **Transportation**

In the village model system, transportation needs assessment will be done between the villagers and experts in transportation design – this will be with the view of developing through the residents an effective transport system that will adequately meet the needs of the people come rain come shine. The villagers as well as indigenous experts will be mobilized along with available local resources to pave road for network within the village. Environmental beautification will accompany road construction.

Indigenous transporters would be promoted in a most organized manner to promote and deliver vehicles that will move from place to place in manners that will eliminate difficulty of moving goods and services as well as people. The vision of the village model transport system is: safety, affordable and comfortable.

Note: Affordable means availability and affordability

## Housing

Shelter is one of the most basic human needs. Simple modern and centrally planned housing program which will utilize local resources and expertise would be the focus of the village housing model scheme. Housing in our villages is worse than swine pen. Several of the homesteads were built with clay and had collapsed. No one over the years had changed this situation. Our village model housing policy

would be providing massive houses through a renewal model system to be known as modern modest owner developed building project. Our government will provide decent housing for all by creative application of available resources and adaptation of environmentally friendly technology.

## Culture, Tourism and Sports

Within the village model system, values and normative behavior shall be taught and upheld by all social institutions, family, education and religious institutions. The roles of traditional rulers in enhancing harmony fairness and justice shall be restored to provide stability in each village/community..

Tourism potentials of every community would be identified and developed through Community Private and Government Partnership (CPGP).

Sporting activities, indigenous to communities shall be introduced and the period of 5-6.30p.m would be encouraged across the villages. There would be 70 days of National Sporting Festival where villages will compete with each other

#### Education

Our pursuits of education within our village model system is to produce the total man who will first and foremost be productive within his community then the adjoining neighborhoods before the nation and the world at large. To achieve this, cognitive ability would determine the language of instruction without wasting away the National lingua franca which can be learnt like every other subject and not necessarily as language of instruction. Each community would therefore within the national framework identify areas of strength and develop educational goals and objectives that will engender rapid transformation of the community by

its members. Each community's educational goal must take care of:

- (a) Fear of God
- (b) Respect for human life
- (c) Dignity of labor
- (d) Professionalism
- (e) Time value for money
- (f) Faithfulness and honesty
- (g) Equity and fairness
- (h) National Anthem and pledge
- (i) Basic history of the Nation
- (j) Geography of the Nation
- (k) History of the community
- (I) Science, Arts and Crafts

#### Health and Environment

The English say "health is wealth" likewise many of our own communities believe in the desire for good health. Our village mode system will explore what MahirishiYogo said that nature has provided herbs required for every ailment in every community! The health system would follow after preventive medicine – Primary Health Care would be well provided while Secondary and Tertiary Health System would be for referrals and will certainly be accessible and affordable to all. The management/administration of primary and secondary education shall reside at community level while the university education will be centrally planned and manage.

Health Education would be emphasized through information, education and communication practices within villages base on the peculiarities of each community. Nutrition would form a basic component of our good health strategy. Hygiene (Personal and Community) would receive great attention this would bring back the concept of Sanitary Inspectors. Animal Health care would also be provided for in meaningful ways that will guarantee safety of animals domestic and wildlife.

Tree planting, cultivation of flowers, clearing of weeds, fumigation shall be our appeal for a healthy environment

# Agriculture and Rural Resources

Our agriculture program would affect the land tenure system with a view to improve production capacity per head. The sector shall be restructured by transforming the existing small farm holding into cooperatives to enhance the output/capacity of farmers in every locality to be administered by Agricultural Development cooperative (ADC).

ADC shall be established to provide technical services to cover pre-planting to post harvest processes, helping farmers to harness maximally by adding value to farm produce, reduce wastage due to combine lack of storage facility or absence of post harvest processes that are affordable or efficient transportation system.

The scope of ADC shall be to:-

- 1. Procure and distribute farm inputs
- 2. Run and manage equipment (tractor and implement) hiring process and irrigation facility
- 3. Provide extension services
- 4. Run post harvest centre as a miniature / cottage factory, adding value to farm produce and engaging unemployed hands in complementary services
- 5. Provide storage facility for both raw and unprocessed produce
- 6. Develop appropriate pricing mechanism
- 7. Coordinate transportation services to evacuate produce in a planned manner

Membership of cooperative shall be a maximum of 50 farmers with a holding of minimum one(1) acre per head for crop farming while livestock shall be a maximum of 30 members.

Poultry and fishery shall be entitled to land holding of 600sqm per head minimum.

Piggery, Rabbitery and Snailery shall hold one (1) acre per head

Staff of ADC shall be employees of the local cooperatives. Ultimately large numbers of people with improved faming skills shall be employed. This will in turn increase food availability and create a win-win situation for both producer and consumer in term of cost per quantum.

Low cost of production, high yield and increase revenue to farmers, while the consumers pay less on varieties. Rural areas would become centers of activities for development and thereby resulting in rapid industrialization; employing more hands in agric business and ancillary sectors – physical development, transportation and commerce

#### **Power Sector**

In recognition of key role of electricity in industrialisation, economic development (formal and informal sectors), urbanisation and general social life.

Holistic approach from generation, transmission and distribution shall be adopted to overhaul existing facility characterised with loss in transmission and system failure. Model generating plants (gas, hydro and wind) shall be established on regional basis to feed some grid distribution network. Existing generating plant shall be restructured to deliver to sub-grid distribution network. This will minimise voltage drop in transmission, step up available energy for consumers at both industrial and domestic levels.

Distribution and marketing shall be run as a joint venture as public, private/consumer partnership. The aim is to ensure that losses in transmission is reduced, correct billing mechanism is made for delivered energy only.

Standardisation shall be strictly enforced on all system components from generation to distribution. Within this sector, two distinct enterprise namely:

- 1. Generation/Distribution
- 2. Distribution and Marketing shall run as self accounting venture with a view to engender productivity and stimulate sustainable electricity supply.

In conclusion, the party being truly owned by the people of Nigeria, shall pursue vigorously to implement all the aforesaid program in compliance with provisions of the 1999 constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria particularly the provision relating to the fundamental objectives and directive principles of state policy as contained in Chapter II and section 224 of the constitution.

