



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13 OF 2023

ON GOMBE STATE FRAMEWORK FOR RESPONSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE LAND-INTENSIVE AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENTS (GFRILIA)

WHEREAS, the Government of Gombe State recognizes the need to enhance the investment climate and promote sustainable economic development through responsible and inclusive land-intensive agricultural investments;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to adopt a Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land-Intensive Agricultural Investments (GFRILIA) to ensure that land acquisition and resettlement for large-scale agribusiness investments adhere to international best practices and benefit both investors and local communities;

WHEREAS, GFRILIA aims to foster agricultural reforms that ensure fair and transparent practices, safeguard environmental sustainability, and promote socio-economic development across Gombe State;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, and other relevant laws, I, **MUHAMMAD INUWA YAHAYA, CON**, the Governor of Gombe State, hereby establish the following framework:

ADOPTION OF GFRILIA PRINCIPLES

Adherence to core principles under GFRILIA, which align with international best practices and include:

1. **Support for Government Policy Objectives:** Ensuring that all investments support the agricultural development goals set by the Government of Gombe State.

2. **Transparency and Consultation:** Conducting investment processes transparently and engaging all stakeholders, particularly local communities and land rights holders, in decision-making processes.
3. **Safeguards Against Dispossession:** Implementing measures to prevent unjust land dispossession and ensuring adequate compensation for affected communities.
4. **Environmental Sustainability:** Conducting thorough environmental impact assessments and adopting measures to mitigate any adverse environmental effects of agricultural investments.
5. **Gender Equality and Youth Empowerment:** Promoting gender equality and empowering women and youth through inclusive participation in agricultural projects.
6. **Monitoring and Compliance:** Regular monitoring of investment impacts and compliance with GFRILIA standards to ensure sustainable development.

ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GFRILIA STEERING COMMITTEE

1. Composition:

A high-level Steering Committee chaired by the Governor, with members including the

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| i. Commissioner of Agriculture | Member |
| ii. Commissioner of Trade, Industry & Industry | " |
| iii. Commissioner of Finance | " |
| iv. Commissioner for Justice | " |
| v. Commissioner for Local Government Affairs | " |
| vi. Commissioner of Environment | " |
| vii. Commissioner for Women Affairs | " |
| viii. Commissioner of Budget and Economic Planning | " |
| ix. Director General Gombe Geographic Information Systems (GOGIS) | " |

- x. Chairman of Gombe State Internal Revenue Service ,,
- xi. Director-General of Gombe State Investment Promotion Agency ..
- xii. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Secretary

2. Functions and Powers

The Steering Committee shall:

- i. Ensure that agricultural investments align with GFRILIA principles and international best practices.
- ii. Promote transparency, inclusive production models, and safeguards against tenure rights dispossession.
- iii. Monitor investment impacts and ensure compliance with compensation standards and environmental sustainability measures.
- iv. Review and approve Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) reports and frameworks for responsible agricultural investments.
- v. Disseminate toolkits, guidelines, and policies to guide investors in complying with GFRILIA principles.
- vi. Create additional committees as recommended by the Technical Committee to fulfill its functions.
- vii. Meet regularly to review project progress and address specific issues directed by the Governor.

ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GFRILIA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

1. Composition:

The Technical Committee shall be composed of:-

- 1) the Director General Gombe Geographic Information Management System (GOGIS).....Chairman;
- 2) representatives from:-
 - a) the Bureau of Land Services,;

- b) Gombe State Investment Promotion Agency,
 - c) Ministry of Trade, Industry, & Tourism,
 - d) Ministry of Finance,
 - e) Ministry of Agriculture,
 - f) Ministry of Justice,
 - g) Ministry of Local Government Affairs,
 - h) Ministry of Environment,
 - i) Ministry of Women Affairs,
 - j) Office of the Surveyor General,
 - k) Gombe State Agricultural Development Project,
 - l) Fadama Project,
 - m) the private sector with expertise in land investment,
 - n) Directorate of Farms Settlement and Peasant Farmers Development,
 - o) Forestry Commission,
 - p) Gombe State Internal Revenue Services,
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 - 4) Agribusiness Officers, and
 - 5) Director of Agriculture ServicesSecretary.

2. Functions:

The Technical Committee shall:


- i. Support the Steering Committee in implementing GFRILIA and achieving its objectives.
- ii. Develop toolkits, guidelines, policies, or equivalents for approval by the Steering Committee to assist investors in land-intensive agricultural projects.
- iii. Conduct regular environmental and social impact assessments and risk management evaluations.
- iv. Facilitate stakeholder engagements, including consultations with local communities and land rights holders.

- v. Oversee the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) and ensure timely resolution of grievances through impartial mediation and legal recourse.
- vi. Provide monthly reports to the Steering Committee on resolved and pending issues related to GFRILIA implementation.

NOW THEREFORE, in the exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and other relevant laws, I, **MUHAMMAD INUWA YAHAYA, CON**, the Governor of Gombe State, hereby order the establishment and implementation of the Gombe State Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land-Intensive Agricultural Investments (GFRILIA), effective immediately.

- a) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable laws of Gombe State.
- b) This order does not create any enforceable rights or benefits against the Government of Gombe State or its entities.

MADE AT Gombe this ^{20th}.....day of December, 2023.


MUHAMMADU INUWA YAHAYA, CON
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR
GOMBE STATE