

**THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT OF THE NASRUL-LAHI-L-FATHI SOCIETY DELIVERED BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY AT THE 6<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD IN LAGOS AIRPORT HOTEL, IKEJA, LAGOS.**

In the name of Allah, the most beneficent, the most merciful, all praises and adorations to almighty Allah, the KING of kings and the LORD of all lords, the beginner and the end; the all hearing who listens to the said and our hidden wishes, the alpha and the omega. We thank Allah for keeping us alive to witness another biennial conference considering the numerous challenges faced in the two years' interval as we may need to ask ourselves which of the favour of almighty Allah can we deny? I greet you with the special greeting that will be on our lips on the day of judgement by saying: Asalam alaykum waramatulahi wa barakatuhu.

The Chairman Board of Trustees; Dr. Adewale olasupo, the BOT members, the Chairman, National Council of Elders and all members present, the Chief Missioner and Missioners here present, the National, Zonal and Branch/Group Executive Council led by the President, Alhaji Olaniyi Mumini Yusuf, our women of integrity led by the National Women Affairs Secretary, Alhaja Kupolati, all Committee Chairmen present, distinguished members of the society present here today, guests and friends of the society.

We are delighted to stand here once again presenting before the whole house the administrative report of our secretariat for your knowledge and adequate response as Allah wishes; the secretariat being the unifying force of all secretaries in the executive council and all organs of the society. I will seek your support to present the report under the following sub headings

- a. The Board of Trustees
- b. The National Council of Elders
- c. The National Mission Board
- d. The National Executive Council and Attendant Activities
- e. The NASFAT Committees
- f. The Zones and Branches Activities

**Brief introduction**

The last conference was held in December 2019, at in Abeokuta, Ogun state, barely two months after our inauguration. The conference was well attended with over 1000 delegates in attendance. Robust resolutions were reached in the best interest of the society and the government at large. In the span of the 2 year of our administration, the global world and our great country has been placed under several challenges starting from the Covid 19 outbreak in March 2020, to the EndSARS protest disruptions, Delta variant and the new Omicron variant of Covid19.

These challenges have greatly affected our ways of doing things, making us face the reality of the new normal. I am glad to inform the house that our society has fully embraced this and in tandem with reality we are faced with, this conference is hybrid with real time on line technology deployed to accommodate our delegates who are joining virtually.

Dear delegates, recall that the hosting right for the 6<sup>th</sup> biennial conference was won by the North West Zone's holding and billed for Sokoto with the tag "Caliphate 2021". However, in the light of recent realities; Covid 19 and the state of security in the country, the conference was moved to Lagos some few months. Who are we to question Allah for his actions? I must put on record the commitment and

passion of the local organizing committee members in the North West Zone for their efforts before the change of venue to Lagos where we are today.

**a. The Board of Trustees**

We must show our deep appreciation to all members of the Board of Trustees (BOT) for their leadership, commitment and passion exhibited anytime we call on them on any issue of concern to the society. This is exemplary and I will like it to be on record. During the period under review, The National Executive Council has met the members of BOT on different occasions briefing them on the plans, programmes, activities and seeking advises moving forward. The BOT has performed its oversight functions on all organs, councils and agencies of the society excellently, and engaged in several door opening visits in the best interest of the society. We pray almighty Allah to accept all their efforts and strengthen them in the deen with abundance rizq, eeman and taqwa. We appreciate all your support for all what you have done sirs and mas.

**b. The National Council of Elders**

The National Council of Elders has diligently and consistently played its advisory role as enshrined in the constitution. The council has been actively involved in taking the leadership role in most of the society activities. Notable in this regard is their distinctive efforts towards the Aseese mosque project, Aseese implementation plan, Fountain University and a host of others. Your support has always been in both cash and kind. We must publicly acknowledge your donations towards the conference which has become a ritual without counting cost or return. This is highly commendable as we pray almighty Allah continues to increase your health, resources and make your offspring better than you in all ways of life and humanity

**c. The National Mission Board.**

The Mission Board under the leadership of Alhaji Abdul Azeez Onike has demonstrated a high level of commitment and passion with enthusiasm to change the narratives. The mission board has created a lot of opportunities for its members for international trainings and expositions locally and abroad with members benefitting. I am happy with the overwhelming achievements of the Mission Board with member's attainment of Ph.D. certificates under our enabling environment and more still studying. We must appreciate our missionaries for the routine activities along with several introduced knowledge sharing opportunities with internationally renowned lecturers invited as guest speakers. This has further placed the society in the position of prominence in the global ratings.

We will like to inform the house that the restructuring of the Mission Board is ongoing with several policies released to guide the phased implementation in the best interest of the society. The society has been going through series of developmental changes and restructuring with policies developed in its best interest. The National Mission Board has also been clearly pursuing the HELD Thrust Agenda of the society and it has taken ownership of the Dawah aspect with high level of deliverables.

**d. The National Executive Council**

The National Executive Council of the society ably led by the President has developed an all-inclusive management model with members of the executive taking ownership and giving support to other team members in the regard. We have consistently met on a monthly basis with no month missing, deliberating and making key decisions for the society.

The present National Executive Council has during the two years of its existence religiously visited almost all of the zones with the president leading the team and or his representatives. We have actively engaged all the branches through the zones and enjoyed a very mutually rewarding relationship save for some few that has shown low level of compliances. Let it also be noted we have successfully bridged the communication gap with all organs of the society and further strengthened the cordiality with the organs and zones.

The National Executive has demonstrated the need for a strengthened secretariat with the recruitment of an Executive Secretary and the recruitment of few employees to hold forth our digital community and information technology department. The secretariat is fully restructured and ready to deliver professionalism to our teeming members. Let me also inform the house of the resignation/retirement of some long serving staff members of the secretariat. These staff members have meritoriously served the society for a period between 8 to 21 years. The society appreciates them and will enjoin all members to pray for them as they start a new life. The send forth date for them will be communicated to all interested parties.

**1. Secretariat partnership with external agencies**

We are delighted to inform all delegates that the secretariat has partnered successfully with the below listed international and local agencies for a mutually rewarding relationship. This was made possible by our high level of transparency, accountability and corporate governance policies that we continuously demonstrate to the world. We have religiously adopted the international and corporate best practices in all reporting format which is in line with global best practices.

The secretariat core responsibilities have been discharged with utmost level of professionalism servicing all the relevant organs of the society providing back up and desk officers. The secretariat was recently restructured to compete favorably with international dictates. However, we are working hard to religiously attain this height. We are making efforts to review our conditions of service to reflect our vision and best global practices.

**(i) NASFAT/UNICEF-Ending Violence Against Women and Girls**

This campaign sponsored by the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative through UNICEF was executed in this current tenure of the executives with Alhaja Babalola Ganiyat as the focal person and the secretariat overseeing the activities. On the three month project, we campaigned in six focal states namely Lagos, Ebonyi, Adamawa, Cross River, Sokoto and Federal Capital Territory. This was another wonderful and impacting project for the society. The programme has been concluded and we have documented our appreciation to UNICEF for finding us worthy as partners in this project. The auditors have visited and a clean bill of health has been issued to us. Permit me to report that we lost a very

supportive UNICEF partner to Covid 19 during the exercise, Dr. Mrs. Sumbo Odebode, a child protection specialist. May Allah strengthen all the family members she left behind.

(ii) **NASFAT-The Carter Centre Incorporation Partnership**

The Carter Foundation is focused on mobilizing faith and changing social norms for women and girls. Our relationship with the center has spanned over 5 years and still mutually beneficial till date with our women and missionaries attending training and capacity building workshops in Dakar, Senegal and other trainings in Nigeria . This project is being managed by Alhaja Saidat Onike

(iii) **The Muslim community of Lagos state.**

The society has been actively involved and is playing a leading role in all activities involving the Muslim community in Lagos state. Alhaja Faosat Oladoja is representing the interest of the society with the community.

(iv) **The Muslim Ummah of South West Nigeria (MUSWEN)**

The society has maintained a very cordial relationship with MUSWEN, fulfilling all financial obligations and in return has been rewarded with invitations to its functions.

(v) **The Nigeria Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA)**

The NSCIA is the umbrella body for Islamic organizations in the country led by His Eminence, Sheikh Sa'ad Abubakar, the Sultan of Sokoto who incidentally is also our mentor. We have religiously been involved in all activities of the Council as we are an accredited member.

(vi) **The Islamic Education Trust**

We have enjoyed a very mutual working relationship with the Islamic Education Trust especially in the areas of Dawah training and capacity building for our missionaries. The Dawah camp has become an annual ritual with numbers of attendance increasing astronomically on a yearly basis. This year's camp will be holding in Osogbo, Osun state in shaa Allah.

(vii) **NASFAT satellite outreach.**

We have successfully increased the satellite outreach with the zones having an oversight function on them. This is growing by the day with targets in highbrow areas of the states in Nigeria. We are seeking assistance for locations for the satellite outreach in places like Banana Island in ikoyi area of Lagos, Apapa area of Lagos, Maitama District, Asokoro Quarters all in FCT, Bodija in Ibadan, Woji GRA area in Portharcout etc. We will be glad to have leads to achieve this objective of propagating Islam

The secretariat has consistently focused on delivering its constitutional responsibilities to all relevant government agencies and communities where it exists and resides with attendant documentations in the secretariat and this we ensure to cascade to the zones and the branches.

**e. The NASFAT Committees**

The attendant thrust for the executives in the year 2019/2021 was built on Health, Education, Livelihood and Dawah (HELD) with each alphabet residing in the office of different portfolio holders who are the primary managers of the thrust.

**1. Health**

This is being managed by the National Health Services Secretary. With the emergence of Covid-19 pandemic, the job of the National Health Secretary has increased tremendously. It is on record that the NHSS has lived up to expectations. As the Chairperson of the Covid 19 response team, she advised the society to shut down all Asalatu venues before the announcement by the states. This is being proactive. She also put in place high level of measures on resumption of physical Asalatu by training medical personnel, deploying of adequate infrastructure to curtail the spread. Her committee has also encouraged the commencement of primary health care centres in some branches and full blown hospital in some. This is really inspiring, Needless to include the numerous screening exercises for Hepatitis B and Prostate Cancer which has been successfully cascaded to some branches as part of many achievements of the Health Secretary in the period under review. In addition, the committee has dedicated every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month for Health Awareness Lecture in all the NASFAT locations across the globe.

## **2. Education**

The Education arm of our HELD Thrust has been very functional with the coaching of students and provision of free jamb form to students at HQ and in branches. The Education Committee has also been involved in the review of our education policy in line with reality. The education part of the policy thrust has also focused on organising International Education Week. The theme for the 2021 International Education Week is “Talent Hunting for Mentorship and Career Development”. Other activities under the education arm of HELD include the support towards the rebuilding of Mokwa Schools that was damaged by Act of God which has now been fully completed and open for school activities, embarking on the other schools projects and completion of other ongoing projects, organisation of the NASFATEENSCANCODE training and competition widely acknowledged to be of international standard.

## **3. Livelihood**

The livelihood thrust is led by the National Economic empowerment Secretary who has done marvelously well to give back to the society and its members through the arrays of training and capacity workshop with hands on for teeming populace. It is on record that the empowerment team has embarked on the massive empowerment of widows in all groups and branches of the society. The society has also distributed well over N20,000,000 (twenty million naira) to members across the country for the purpose of wealth creation amongst members. All these are in additions to the various economic dialogues facilitated by leading technocrats in various business endeavors. We must also not forget the Cooperative farming efforts to create livelihood for members on our Ibadan land designated for Agricultural/ farming purposes

## **4. Dawah**

The Dawah team has come up with novel ideas in line with the new normal with various on line activities to engage members on soul lifting lectures in print and electronics as well as social media and traditional media. The Dawah Team is led by Imam Abdul Azzez Onike and the team has done marvelously well in the areas of online Qur’anic teachings with the Walimot ul Quran held regularly hosted for successful students. The latest of such Walimot ul Quran was done few days ago.

**5. National Women Management Committee**

Our Women of Aljanah are never tired of activities as they continue to engage in numerous impactful activities throughout the two years under review. Some of the notable activities include the Women Week; Dawah Activities; Women's Health Day; the charity visits to the orphanages recently introduced and which is observed every quarter of the year. All these activities were efficiently managed by the NWS and the Welfare Committee. One of the unique activities of the Women of Aljanah; The Women's Conference was postponed twice during the period under review due to Covid-19 pandemic. We are however hopeful that the Conference will take place in 2022 in shaa Allah.

Special appreciation to our mothers for all the support accorded to all programmes of the society and their continuous delivery of Dawah knowledge amongst the womenfolk and Muslim Ummah beyond NASFAT.

**2. The Children Affairs Committee**

It is on record that the Children Affairs Secretary actively engaged our children with retinue of camp activities during the period under review. These took place physically and virtual. The summer camp during this period was successfully organised; same with the Qur'anic competition amongst the youths, all organized by the Children's Affairs Committee. The committee has designed various activities to expose our children to the values of Islamic culture, moral and spiritual tenets in line with the holy Quran and Sunnah of the holy Prophets. The committee has also successfully made the best use of the covid-19 restrictions.

**3. The Welfare Committee**

The committee has consistently provided for the less privileged in the society having reached out to well over 12,000 targets audience sharing Dawah knowledge and distributing food items to the vulnerable. The committee has also lived up to expectations in the provisions of the social amenities in the society.

**4. The Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee members are the custodians of financial documents and advisors on financial matters of the society. They are also saddled with the responsibility of creating ways to generate fund to run the affairs of the society. The committee has religiously followed the Direct Debit Mandate which has assisted greatly in producing results. We need to add that the Finance Committee will also be holding training program the day after this conference on the DDM

**5. The Youth Wing**

The Youth Wing has been engaging its members with series of innovative and impactful events all through the year taking the best advantage of technology. They had interaction session with The Honorable Speaker of The Federal House Of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabamila, The Minister of Communication and Digital Economy of Nigeria, Alhaji Isa Pantami as well as several notable dignitaries during the period under review.

**6. The Legal Committee**

The committee has taken ownership of the perfection of all documents related to all landed properties owned by the society. Mosques which were bequeathed to the society in Olomi in Ibadan, the mosque in Ori Okuta in Ikorodu, and a host of others have now been properly documented. The Legal Committee has displayed a high level of professionalism settling some cases out of court and winning some using the court process. There are others, however, that are yet to be determined. The Committee's head; the Legal Secretary has also spearheaded the task of review the constitution of the society, the process which is still ongoing. The Committee under the leadership of the Legal Secretary has also successfully uploaded and saved all title documents of properties held by the society on cloud so that it will be easily accessed virtually.

#### **7. The Project Committee**

Special appreciation must be given to the Project Committee for the commitment and passion in providing human and material resources for the development of Aseese land and providing the technical expertise which has seen the development of the land to the level where it is presently. The Committee has also been involved in the Magodo Land development thus renewing the hope of the society on the land. The committee had trainings in the course of the year to expose all Project Secretaries to their deliverables and new strategies in the project management world.

#### **8. The NASFAT Zonal Organising Committee (NAZOCC)**

This is chaired by the Vice President 2 of the society and is saddled with the responsibility of managing the operations of the branches and zones. The society is on the verge of redistribution of zones and increasing the number of zones across the world. The details of the zones will be shared soon as we implore all outstanding zones who have not commenced the process to do the needful for effective management, implementation and monitoring.

#### **9. The Security Committee**

The Security Committee is saddled with the responsibility of securing lives and properties in the society. No programme was organised during the year without the help of the Security Committee in providing security and managing crowd in compliance with Covid 19 guidelines.

#### **10. NASFAT Related Agencies**

11. All the related agencies of the society will be given the opportunity to present their reports to this August gathering. The affiliate Agencies include

- a. Havek Leadership Academy
- b. NASFAT Agency for Zakat and Sadaqat
- c. Fountain University Osogbo
- d. TAFSAN Investment Ltd
- e. TAFSAN Travels and Tours
- f. NASFAT Relief Initiative
- g. TAFSAN Qurbani Ltd

- h. Lasilkiin Communications Ltd
- i. NASFAT Relief International

Conclusively, I must not finish this report without showing deep gratitude to all the National Executive Council Members with whom we served together in the year 2019/2021. Any success mentioned here today is nothing but with your support both in cash and in kind. I must again thank all those who bestowed their trust in us to lead the secretariat of this society. I enjoin us to look at the modest achievements with gratitude to almighty Allah while asking that you forgive our shortcomings as no human being is infallible. May Allah continue to forgive us of our errors of omission and commission.

Distinguished delegates, in no time a new set of executives will be sworn in to lead us. We solicit for your cooperation, loyalty and commitment to make us a better society. Success is a collective responsibility as we know that together everybody achieves more.

A kulu kawli hadha astagfirulahi wa atubu ilaehi. Thank you for your attention as we pray that Almighty Allah accept this as an act of ibadah.

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