

# **SOLUTION OR NO SOLUTION ?**

**Soludometer: A scorecard of Prof. Soludo's promises  
tracked in his 2nd year in office**



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We rate campaign promises based on verifiable outcomes, not on intentions or effort. To create our promise meters, we pore through speech transcripts, TV appearances, position papers and campaign websites looking for promises. We define a promise as a prospective statement of an action or outcome that is verifiable.

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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On March 17, 2024, His Excellency, Governor Charles Chukwuma Soludo, will mark his two-year anniversary in office as Governor of Anambra State, having been sworn in on the same day two years earlier. The announcement of the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) candidate as the winner of the state gubernatorial election on November 9, 2021, sparked widespread celebration among the people of Anambra state. This enthusiasm was attributed to the Governor's distinguished track record in academia and policy making, which garnered significant achievements.

In his manifesto titled '**The Soludo Solution**' the Governor articulated his vision for the state to become the most desirable location for various social and economic activities. In his own words,

*"It is a vision of a homeland that is the preferred destination in which to live, invest, learn, work, relax, and enjoy."*

His plans to transform the state into a liveable and prosperous homeland are anchored in four key areas: 'Economic Transformation and Enablers,' 'Social Agenda,' 'Governance, Rule of Law, and Value System,' and 'Environment.'

This scorecard serves as an annual governance performance assessment, specifically focusing on evaluating the performance of the Governor over the past year. The primary objective of this assessment is to foster accountability and transparency within the administration. By systematically examining the governance practices and outcomes, the scorecard aims to identify key areas of both strength and weakness within the government.

The assessment is a data-driven analysis of some promises made by the Governor. AdvoKC tracked and rated (either Not yet Started, Promise Kept, Compromised, In the Works or Promise Broken) a total of 50 of the important promises made by Soludo during his campaign.

**These promises would be assessed based on 4 categories namely:**

1. Economic Transformation and Enablers,
2. Social Agenda
3. Governance, Rule of Law, and Value System
4. Environment

It is important to note that a score out of 100% will be assigned to each category to reflect the level of promise fulfilment.



## 50 PROMISES IN 4 CATEGORIES

# METHODOLOGY

We define a promise as a prospective statement of an action or outcome that is verifiable. All of our promises list the source. We track these promises by staying informed about the activities and communications of the elected officials. following their official websites, social media accounts, Freedom of Information (FOI) act and reliable news sources.

We use Politifact style of rating, the promise meters have six ratings. The first three provide a broad picture of whether the official is making progress; the final three indicate whether he or she kept the promise.

**NOT YET STARTED**— Every promise begins at this level and retains this rating until we see evidence of progress — or evidence that the promise has stalled.

**IN THE WORKS** — This indicates the promise has been proposed or is being considered.

**STALLED** — There is no movement on the promise, perhaps because of limitations on money, opposition from lawmakers or a shift in priorities.

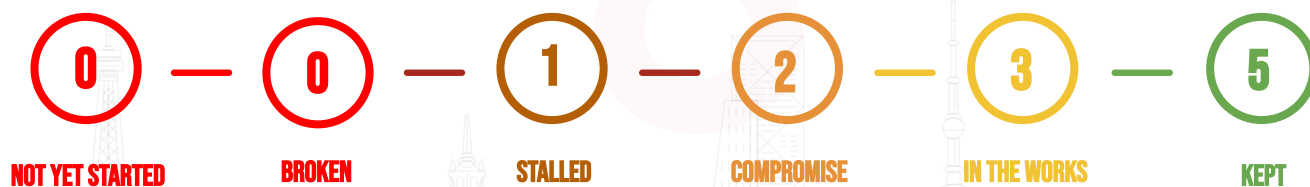
**COMPROMISED** — Promises earn this rating when they accomplish substantially less than the official's original statement but when there is still a significant accomplishment that is consistent with the goal of his original promise.

**PROMISE KEPT** — Promises earn this rating when the original promise is mostly or completely fulfilled.

**PROMISE BROKEN** — The promise has not been fulfilled. This could occur because of inaction by the executive or lack of support from the legislative branch or other group that was critical for the promise to be fulfilled. A Promise Broken rating does not necessarily mean that the executive failed to advocate for the policy. d Promise Broken.

\*\* For the purpose of this report, a structured scaling system that assigns numbers based on the rating a promise gets has been used.

## RATING SYSTEM



## SOLUDOMETER: A SCORECARD OF PROF. SOLUDO'S PROMISES TRACKED IN HIS 2ND YEAR IN OFFICE

### 250 & Above Excellent(A+)

This score indicates that the political leader has kept most of their promises and has shown a good level of commitment.

This is an exceptional score and shows that the political leader has kept their promises to a high degree.

### 200-249 Very Good(A)

### 150-199 Good(B+)

This score indicates that the political leader has kept only a few promises and needs to do better.

This score shows that the political leader has kept some of their promises, but there is room for improvement.

### 100-149 Fairly Good(B)

### 50-99 Fairly Poor (D)

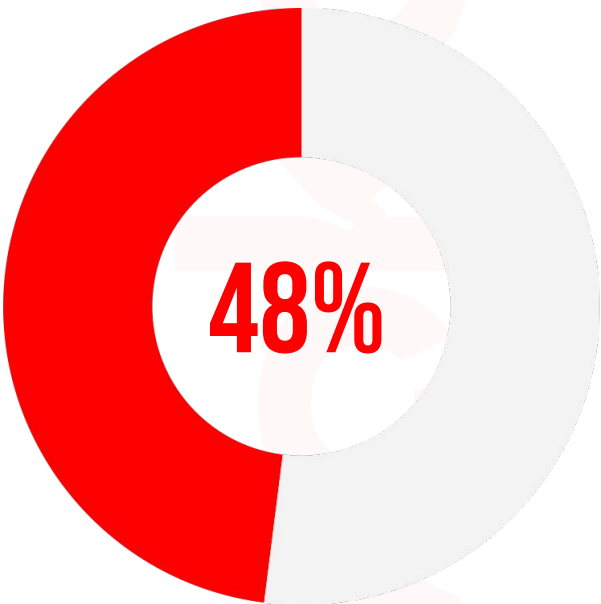
This score indicates that the political leader has not kept most of their promises and needs to be held accountable.

This score shows that the political leader has failed to keep a lot of promises and needs to put in lots of effort to meet up.

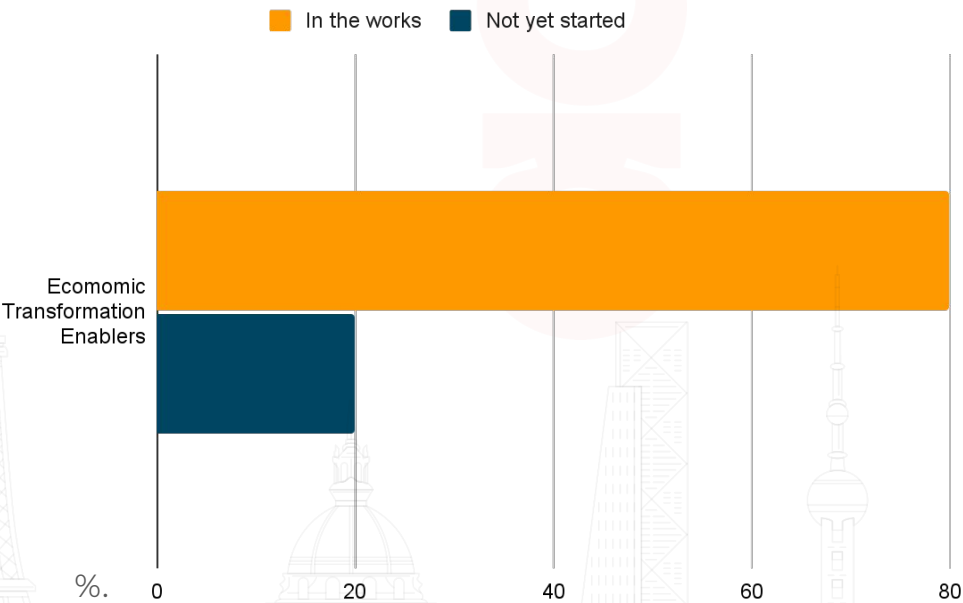
### 49 & Below Poor(F)

# 01: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND ENABLERS

Significant progress has been achieved in the realm of economic transformation over the past two years. Particularly noteworthy are the Governor’s efforts to lead in patronizing 'Made in Anambra' products and the distribution of high-yielding seedlings.

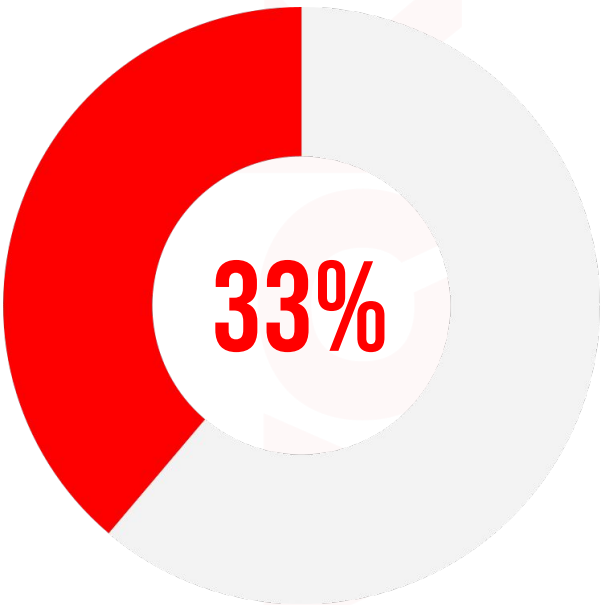


Among the 5 promises assessed in this report, 4 are rated '**In the Works**', while the commitment to organize cultural/historical festivals and carnivals remains unfulfilled and is rated '**Not yet Started**'. According to our rating system, in this sector, the Governor has achieved a score of 48%.

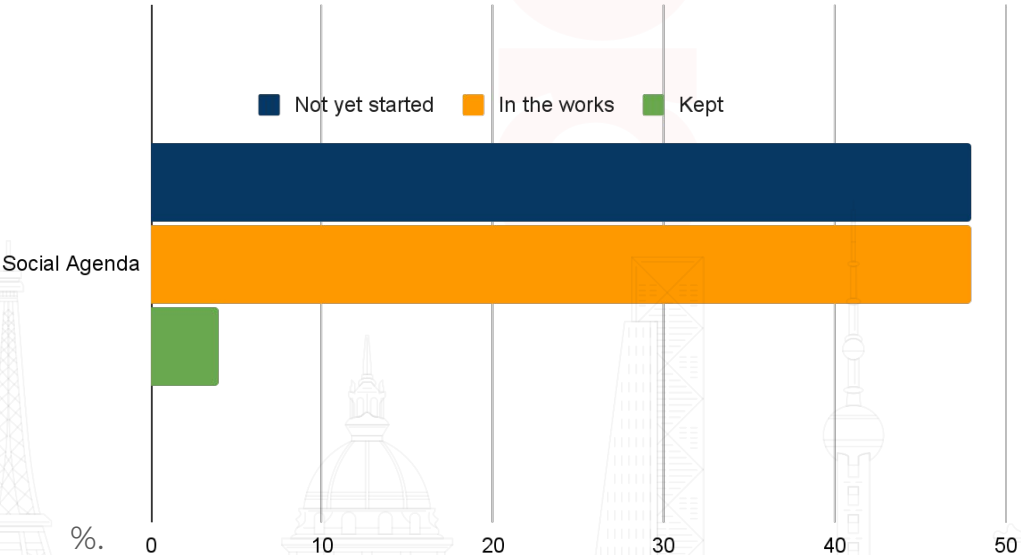


# 02: SOCIAL AGENDA

H.E Professor Charles Chukwuma Soludo has made progress in the area of Social Agenda. Most notable is the declaration of a state of emergency on roads in the state. Several road projects have been awarded to contractors and are currently being worked on. Continuing the free education initiative for students from Primary to Junior Secondary School is another commendable achievement. One area where the Governor has really fallen short is in the creation of jobs for youths which he pegged at 100,000 yearly and has not even met up to quarter of that number in the last 2 years.



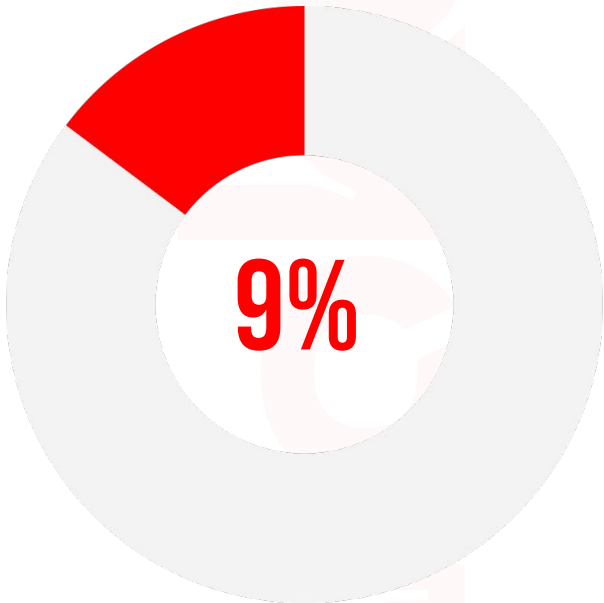
Out of the 23 promises considered in this report, 1 promise is rated **'Kept'**, while **'In the Works'** and **'Not yet Started'** each have 11 promises. Going by our Rating system, in this sector, the Governor has achieved a score of approximately 33%.



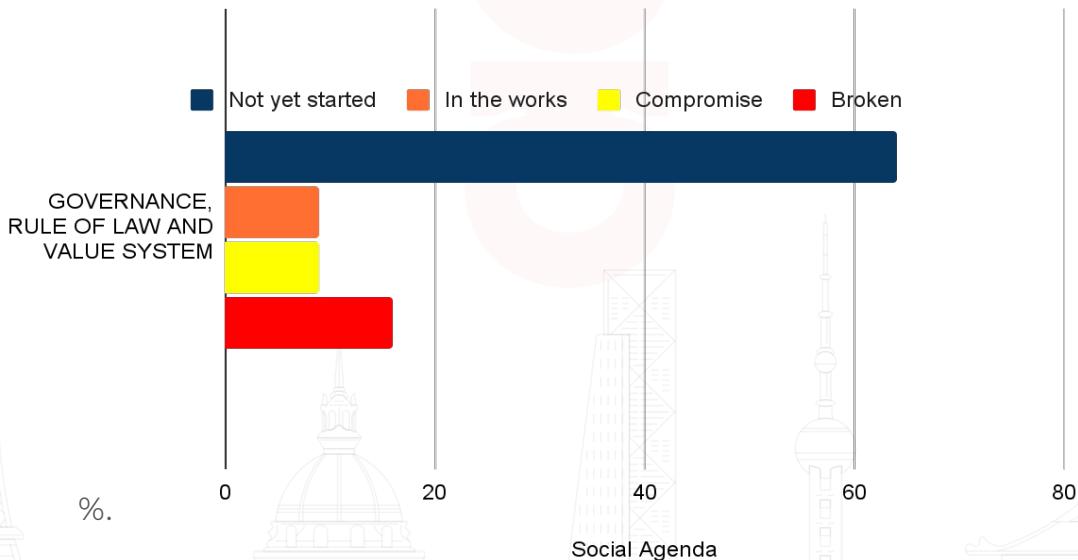


# 03: GOVERNANCE, RULE OF LAW AND VALUE SYSTEM

Minimal progress was recorded in this sector. **11 promises** were examined, and a bulk of them had experienced no progress in the last 2 years. The Governor’s failure to publish his agenda, in addition to a delivery timeline and mechanisms, has kept citizens in the dark about how he intends to deliver on some of his promises and how long it will take.

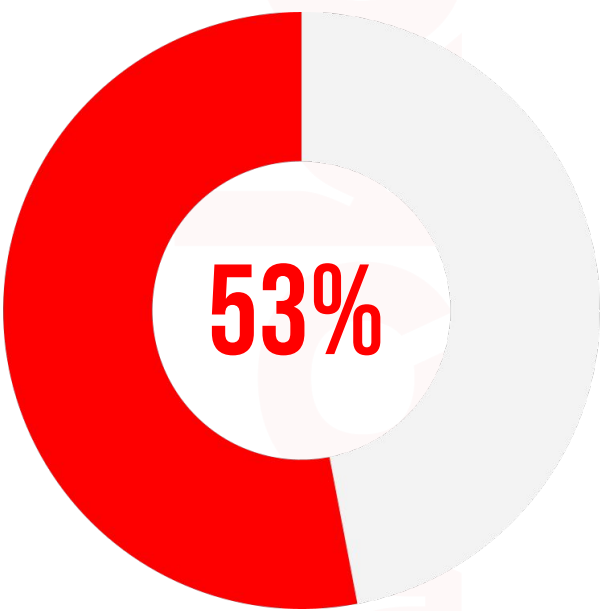


From our research, **2 promises** have been rated ‘**Broken**’, **1 promise** rated ‘**Compromised**’ and another **promise** rated ‘**In the Works**’, while the **7 remaining promises** are rated ‘**Not yet Started**’. Going by our rating system, in this sector, the Governor has achieved a score of approximately 9%.

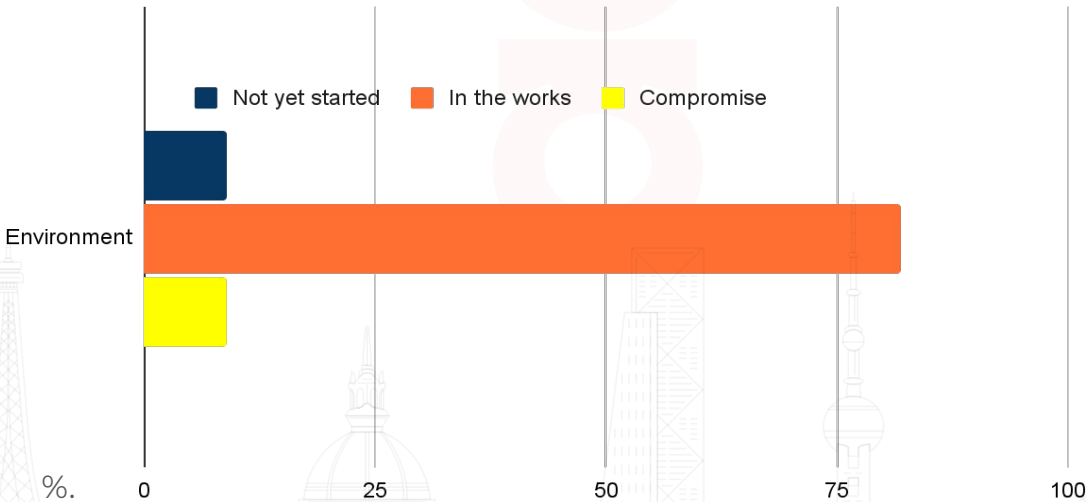


# 04: ENVIRONMENT

In the last 2 years, Governor Soludo has made huge progress in the area of Environment. He has made commendable efforts to expand and modernise cities in the state, encourage the planting of trees and provide basic amenities for Okpoko in Ogbaru, LGA.



11 promises were considered in this category. 9 of which are rated **'In the Works'**, 2 of which are rated **'Not yet Started'** and **'Compromised'**. According to our scaling system, this sector has a score of 53%.

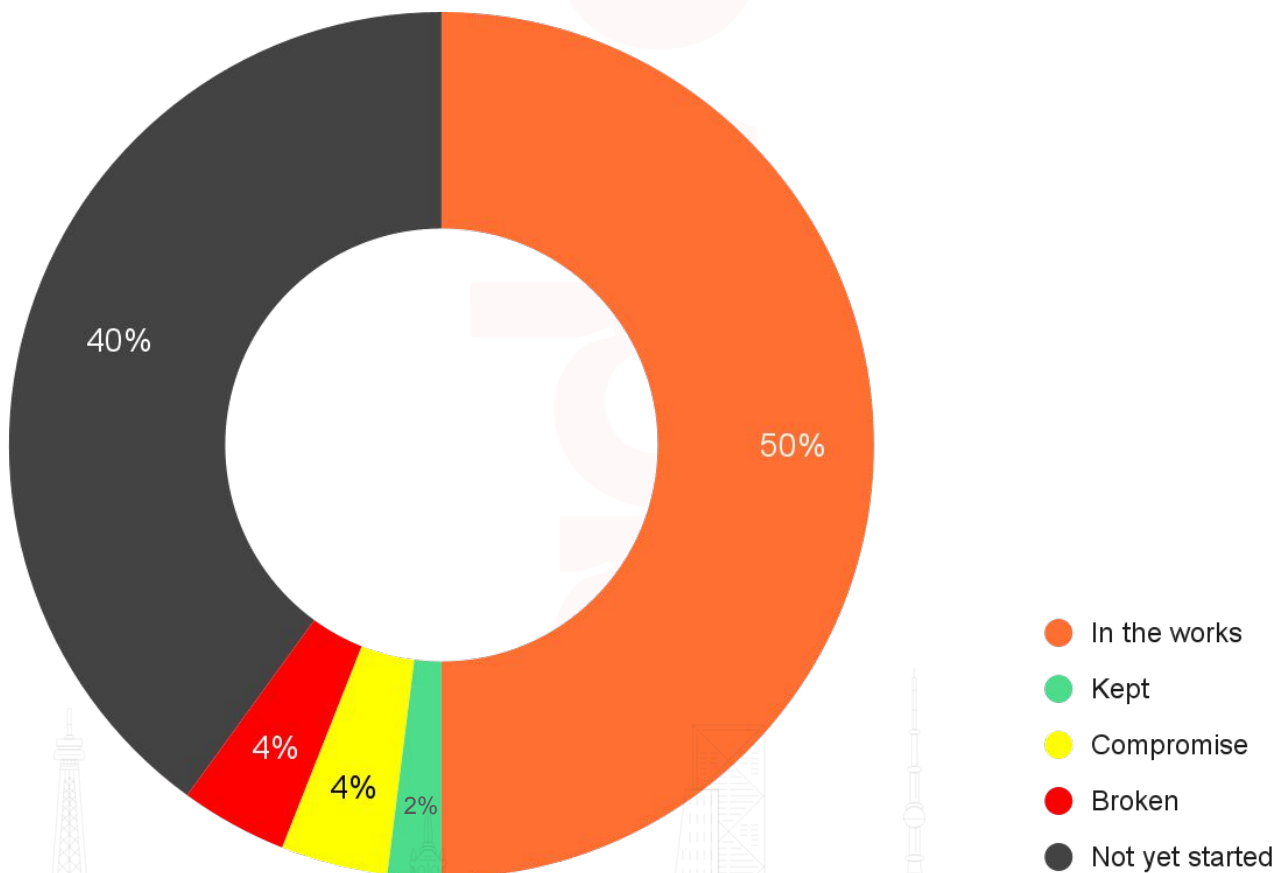


## SECOND YEAR SCORECARD

**84/250** **GRADE D :**  
**FAIRLY POOR**

### Fairly Poor (D)

Depicting Prof. Soludo has not fulfilled a lot of promises and needs to put in lots of efforts to meet up.



# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS

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## 1. IMPROVING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

It is imperative that the Governor fulfils the promise to establish the Import-to-Export department within ANSIPPA as it can significantly boost the state's economy. By providing our traders with the support and resources needed to cultivate durable and profitable partnerships with overseas counterparts, and can enhance their competitiveness in the global market and stimulate economic growth. Prioritizing this initiative will not only demonstrate the commitment to supporting local businesses but also attract foreign investment and elevate Anambra State as a thriving hub for international trade.

It is crucial to prioritize the fulfillment of the promise to organize special Cultural/Historical Festivals/Carnivals in Anambra state, as it not only celebrates our rich heritage but also serves as a powerful tool for cultural exchange and economic growth. By hosting such events, we can showcase the diverse culture of our state to the world, attracting tourists and fostering a sense of pride among our Diaspora community.

These festivals also have the potential to invigorate local businesses, promote job creation, and foster investment in the tourism sector.

## 2. PRIORITIZATION OF SOCIAL ISSUES

Extending the scope of free education to include government-owned senior secondary schools alongside primary and junior secondary schools in Anambra State would not only ensure equitable access to education for all students but also align with your commitment to fostering educational excellence and empowering our youth. By removing financial barriers to education at this crucial stage of schooling, educational outcomes can be enhanced, literacy rate will be improved. Moreover, investing in free education for senior secondary schools will promote inclusivity, and the holistic development of youths, positioning them to become productive members of society.

It is also essential to promote inclusiveness so that people living with disabilities can also have access to quality and standard education without barriers like access to classrooms.

The reactivation and improvement of existing tourist attraction centres to meet international standards is essential as it has the potential to attract a surge in tourism which will lead to revenue generation and job creation for host communities of said tourist sites.

On banning the illegal collection of taxes and levies in markets, the implementation and enforcement of the ban is just as important as the pronouncement. Structures that enable market traders to report instances of illegal taxation should be set up.

The creation of jobs for youths as should be prioritised in the next two years, especially considering the significant gap between the current reality and the promised target of 100,000 jobs per annum. Collaboration between the government and the private sector is one way this target can be reached annually.

The promise to invest in the modernization of transmission lines to provide up to 18 hours of electricity in key locations is another promise that should be prioritised because of the significance of electricity in economic growth and social development.

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS

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## 3. GOVERNANCE, RULE OF LAW AND VALUE SYSTEM

Implementing citizens' hotlines will enhance transparency and accountability by providing direct channels for citizens to interact with government officials, voice concerns, and seek assistance, thereby fostering citizen engagement and trust in governance.

Deploying a digitally enabled land administration process will streamline land transfer procedures, and reduce bureaucracy, and promote investment in real estate, fostering economic growth and development.

Similarly, completing and operationalizing the state integrated financial management system will enhance fiscal transparency, efficiency, and accountability in managing state finances, ultimately leading to sustainable economic development.

Reviewing, amending, and operationalizing the fiscal responsibility law will ensure greater transparency and accountability in financial management, promoting prudent use of state resources and fostering investor confidence. Continuing and strengthening accountability initiatives such as publishing state accounts regularly will further enhance transparency and public trust in government institutions.

Establishing an Anambra State Hall of Fame and annual celebration of great achievers will recognize and celebrate excellence across various fields, inspiring others to strive for success and contribute positively to society. Designing and executing a reward system and public celebration of integrity, hard work, philanthropy, and personal responsibility will incentivize positive behaviors and foster a culture of excellence and integrity in governance and society.

Finally, mainstreaming the Igbo language as an official language along with English will promote cultural diversity, preserve the indigenous language, and foster a sense of identity and pride among ndi-Anambra.

## 4. IMPROVING ENVIRONMENT

It is crucial for the Governor to expedite the fulfillment of the promise to work with the Federal government to build embankments for controlling flooding in Anambra West. Flooding poses a significant threat to the lives and properties of residents in the region, particularly during the rainy season. By constructing embankments, the impact of flooding can be mitigated, protecting communities, infrastructure, and agricultural lands from damage.

# CONCLUSION

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Governor Soludo's Soludometer score after the completion of his 2nd year in office is **84**. This falls within the range of **50-99** and is **Fairly Poor (D)**. This score shows that the Governor achieved only **33.6%** of the total possible score, indicating that there is a lot of room for improvement.

Governor Soludo's second year in office reflects both commendable achievements and lingering challenges. While notable progress has been made, particularly in the area of infrastructural development with significant road building underway, persistent issues such as inconsistent power supply and delayed completion of the vital water schemes in the state remain.

Our comprehensive assessment of 50 promises across key sectors reveals a mixed picture: **50%** of promises are '**In the Works**', **40%** are '**Not yet Started**', and **4%** each are rated '**Broken**' and '**Compromised**', respectively. This leaves only **2%** of promises fulfilled and rated '**Kept**' indicating the need for enhanced efforts in fulfilling campaign promises in the next 2 years.

By focusing on improving economic development, prioritising social issues, ensuring accountability and transparency in the Governance process, and prioritising the environment, Governor Soludo can pave the way for a livable and more prosperous homeland for the people.

# APPENDIX

## PROMISES 'IN THE WORKS'

S/N	Promise	Sector	Rating
1.	Government Resources will only patronize "Made in Anambra" except where it is impossible to produce such or no close alternatives.	Economic Transformation	In the Works
2.	Create a peaceful, livable and prosperous homeland by having dialogues with Pro-Biafra agitators in the state	Social Agenda	In the Works
3.	"We'll designate new locations as industrial/tech parks (Akwa-ihedi, Awka environs including parts of Orumba, ozubulu, Araku, Awka, e.t.c)"	Economic Transformation	In the Works
4.	Continue and strengthen the free education initiatives (Primary 1 - Junior Secondary 3) in public schools. We'll work to extend free education to the Senior Secondary School.	Social Agenda	In the Works
5.	Ban the illegal collection of taxes and levies in the markets	Social Agenda	In the Works
6.	A new department of ANSIPPA( Import-to-export department) will specifically assist our traders to forge durable and profitable partnerships with overseas partners.	Economic Transformation	In the Works
7.	The government will procure and distribute one million high yielding palm seedlings to 100,000 farmers/households per annum (10 seedlings each per annum), and over a four-year period, each will have at least 40 seedlings of high-yielding varieties which start in 2-4 years.	Economic Transformation	In the Works
8.	A few billions of Naira investment to modernize a few strategic transmission lines, realign connections and transformers, etc will give fast quick wins to provide up to 18hrs of electricity in key locations.	Social Agenda	In the Works
9.	Expand all Primary health facilities to have resident medical officers providing Primary services	Social Agenda	In the Works
10.	Re-establish and strengthen the State Hospitals Management Board(SHMB), review the policy to become autonomous and able to enforce discipline.	Social Agenda	In the Works
11.	We target at least 100,000 jobs per annum for our youths.	Social Agenda	In the Works

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## PROMISES 'IN THE WORKS'

S/N	Promise	Sector	Rating
12.	In addition, we'll reinforce and support the Anambra Health Insurance Scheme to ensure wider enrollment so that no resident of Anambra dies on account of an inability to afford medical services.	Social Agenda	In the Works
13.	We plan to train 10,000 youth per year on digital skills	Social Agenda	In the Works
14.	Continue ASBA'S interventions focused on youth-owned SMEs.	Social Agenda	In the Works
15.	Sustain timely payment of benefits for all pensioned senior citizens and design a sustainable safety net targeting the needs of all aged citizens above the age of 70	Social Agenda	In the Works
16.	Design and enforce a template of minimum standards for infrastructure and other facilities in cities, markets, and community	Environment	In the Works
17.	Embark upon an expansive but phased modernization cum urban renewal of our major urban areas especially starting in the first phase in Awka, Onitsha, Nnewi, and Ekwulobia urban areas	Environment	In the Works
18.	Special attention will be given to Okpoko in Ogbaru LGA which is home to the largest urban slum in Anambra, as it will provided with modern basic amenities	Environment	In the Works
19.	Implement robust clean and green initiatives to fulfill the aim of having Anambra as the cleanest and most environmentally friendly state	Environment	In the Works
20.	The Government will encourage and incentivize households to plant a minimum number of trees per annum	Environment	In the Works
21.	Develop a water supply master plan, which will entail a state-wide hydrogeological survey	Environment	In the Works
22.	We intend to create a special fund, Anambra State Development Fund. We'll create 200 million dollars fund and target a scale up to 1 billion dollars	Environment	In the Works
23.	We'll strengthen the state statistical agency for measuring progress	Governance, Rule of law and value	In the Works



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## PROMISES 'IN THE WORKS'

S/N	Promise	Sector	Rating
24.	Our government will declare a state of emergency on the environment	Environment	In the Works
25.	Build on and expand the efforts of the 'Light Up Anambra' program through solar power, gas to power, and other environment-friendly sources	Environment	In the Works

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## PROMISES 'NOT YET STARTED'

S/N	Promise	Sector	Rating
1.	'There'll be the citizens' hotlines (phone numbers, Email Addresses, and Facebook Account) to interact with me.'	Governance, Rule of law and value	Not yet Started
2.	Organize special Cultural/Historical Festivals/Carnivals to bring the world to Anambra, and which could also motivate the Diaspora community to visit home on such occasions.	Economic Transformation	Not yet Started
3.	Reactivate all inactive tourist sites and work with other independent travel tours to ensure they meet the international standards for travel destinations e.g tourist attractions such as the Ogbunike Cave, Odinari Museum at Nri, Ogba Ukwu cave and waterfall, Owerre Ezukala and other similar sites will be fully developed.	Social Agenda	Not yet Started
4.	Incorporate community structures and members into the governance, ownership and management of PHC facilities.	Social Agenda	Not yet Started
5.	Establish the Health Facilities Monitoring and Accreditation Agency(HEFAMAA), charged with Monitoring public and private health facilities to ensure registration, accreditation and standardization of all health facilities.	Social Agenda	Not yet Started
6.	Commence the community Nursing and Midwifery programme, an initiative to improve the availability of needed skilled human resources at PHc level in rural and hard-to-reach communities, which also involves training and retention of trainees in their communities as government workers	Social Agenda	Not yet Started
7.	Substantially improve healthcare practitioner to population ratio by creating a framework to attract Diaspora healthcare practitioners to return and make Anambra their base.	Social Agenda	Not yet Started
8.	Digitize and unify medical data for all Anambra State people	Social Agenda	Not yet Started
9.	Mandate schools, communities, and local government to create playgrounds/sports centres with needed equipment to develop skills and provide matching grants to facilitate these infrastructures	Social Agenda	Not yet Started

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S/N	Promise	Sector	Rating
10.	Approve special education for persons with Disability to ensure completion of education up to at least secondary school level	Social Agenda	Not yet Started
11.	Work with the House of Assembly to review and ultimately pass the draft social protection bill into law which aims to provide social safety nets to the poor, unemployed, and vulnerable population	Social Agenda	Not yet Started
12.	Deploy a digitally enabled land administration process with a view of achieving land transfer of title within 72hours	Governance, Rule of law and value	Not yet Started
13.	Complete and operationalize the state integrated financial management system	Governance, Rule of law and value	Not yet Started
14.	Review, Amend and operationalize the fiscal responsibility law for greater transparency and sustainability of state finance	Governance, Rule of law and value	Not yet Started
15.	Continue and strengthen accountability initiatives such as publishing state accounts regularly	Governance, Rule of law and value	Not yet Started
16.	Design and execute a reward system and public Celebration of Integrity, hard work, philanthropy, and personal responsibility	Governance, Rule of law and value	Not yet Started
17.	Mainstream the igbo language as an official language along with the English language	Governance, Rule of law and value	Not yet Started
18.	Our Family First Bureau will strengthen the work of the ministry of social welfare and NGOs to deliver services to the thousand that need help	Social Agenda	Not yet Started
19.	Improve access and enrolment into Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education Programme(name to be changed to state Functional Literacy and Education programme - SFLEP)	Social Agenda	Not yet Started
20.	Work with the Federal government to build embankments to help control the flooding in Anambra West	Environment	Not yet Started

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## PROMISES 'BROKEN'

S/N	Promise	Sector	Rating
1.	"What we present is a synopsis, designed to give Ndi Anambra a feel for the future we envision. The Full agenda, costed with timelines and delivery mechanisms will be published within the first 30 days on assumption of office if you give me the mandate"	Governance, Rule of law and value	Broken
2.	Establish an Anambra State Hall of Fame and annual celebration of great achievers in all fields of endeavor, including teachers, entrepreneurs/job, creators, community workers public servants with demonstrable integrity and efficiency.	Governance, Rule of law and value	Broken

## PROMISES 'COMPROMISED'

S/N	Promise	Sector	Rating
1.	Collaborate with judiciary to upscale the efficiency of the Judicial process to set up a specialized commercial court as well as mainstream the alternative dispute resolution mechanism to ensure that timeliness for commercial dispute resolution are reduced to 30days from the average of 307 days	Governance, Rule of law and value	Compromised
2.	Complete the Onitsha, Otuocha water schemes in 12 months in office	Environment	Compromised

## PROMISES 'KEPT'

S/N	Promise	Sector	Rating
1.	We'll declare a state of emergency on roads	Governance, Rule of law and value	Kept

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