# SimpleSmartBudget

# 30-DAY NO SPEND CHALLENGE (ESSENTIALS ONLY)

# **Rules**

- 1. Only spend on true essentials: rent, bils, groceries, transportation, medicine.
- 2. No spending on non-essentials: Shopping, takeout, coffee runs, entertainment.
- 3. Use what you have first before buying anything new.
- 4. Track progress daily.
- 5. Be honest with yourself if it's not urgent, it can wait.

#### **Awareness**

- -Define essentials
- -Make a meal plan using up what you have
- -Set goals

# **Substitutions**

- -Make your own coffee/tea
- -Repurpose leftovers
- -Use free entertainment (walks, reading, podcasts)

# **Mindfulness**

- -Identify your top spending trigger
- -Declutter and use what you already have
- -Plan a zero-spend weekend intentionally
- -Practice gratitude

# Reflection

- -Total your savings
- -Reflect on habits and surprises
- -Plan your post-challenge budget
- -Keep 1 new money saving habit
- -Celebrate your wins without spending!