



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, JOB CREATION & POVERTY ALLEVIATION

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Introduction

What is a Budget?

A budget shows what the government expects to collect as revenue, what grants it expects to receive, how much it expects to save or borrow, and what the government plans to spend on.

A budget is a document that contains details about how the government plans to spend our communal wealth – the taxpayers' money. Federal, state and local governments all have a budget document which is called an Appropriation Act.

In a democracy, every responsible citizen has the right to know how communal wealth is being expended in the delivery of public infrastructure and services.

What is a Citizens Budget?

A Citizens Budgets is a simpler, less technical version of a government's budget specifically designed to present key information that is understandable by the general public. Citizens Budgets can vary widely in focus, content, and length and be presented in a number of ways, ranging from a simple brochure to a comprehensive

report. Citizens Budgets should also be accessible by the general public, including being published online on an official state website.

Why is a Citizens Budgets Important?

Every responsible citizen has the right to know how communal wealth is being expended in the delivery of public infrastructure and services. State governments must ensure that citizens have a good understanding of how the budget directly affects their lives.

Citizens budgets foster a greater understanding of how public funds are utilized, especially if the information presented is a more accessible format than standard government budgets.

Although they are not meant to replace more detailed budget documents, they are important for informing citizens and civil society and contributes to the effort of increasing government accountability on how it manages public money.

Total Budget Expenditure: This is the total amount of budget for the given year. It is the summation of both the



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Recurrent Expenditure and Capital Expenditure as approved by the State House of Assembly and assented to by the Executive Governor.

This is how the government plans to spend, on behalf of the citizens, according to the resources it manages. Government expenditure has two main categories: Recurrent and Capital Expenditure.

Revenue: Revenue is all the amount of money the government believes it will collect during the year from recurring taxes, levies and fees; put simply, this refers to money collected on behalf of citizens. States in Nigeria receive a share of revenues collected federally such as oil revenues, corporate income taxes, VAT and excises and duties.

These are called statutory allocation, VAT and other statutory revenue in the budget are transferred to the states from the federation accounts. Revenues that state directly collect and retain for its own use

are called internally generated revenue (IGR); IGR includes personal income taxes, road taxes, property taxes etc.

Budget Deficit: This is generally the difference between what the government intend to spend on expenditures and the revenue generation capacity. A deficit occurs when the expenditure figure is higher than the revenue and grants figure. The total budget financing is the summation of all the financing the government intends to raise through borrowing/ loans (domestic and foreign), sales of government assets or other deficit financing items.

Grants: A grant is one of the government's sources of funds for

funding ideas and projects to provide public services, stimulate the economy, and benefit the general public. Grants



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Loans: Another source of funds for the government to finance the budget is a loan. Government borrows to finance its annual budget generally when revenues and grants are not enough to fund all the expenditures in the budget. Loans could be domestic and or foreign sources. Loans can be for a specific project or set of expenditures or could be used to finance the general budget expenditures.

Why does the Government borrow?
When the government intends to spend more money than they expect to collect as revenue and receive in grants, the budget is in deficit.

When they intend to spend less than

What they expect to collect in revenue

and receive in grants, the budget is in surplus. A balanced budget is a budget where total revenues are equal to the total expenditures for the year.

When the budget has an expected deficit, the government will need to finance the budget deficit. It can do this through sales of government assets or through borrowing. Borrowing can be from banks, multilateral institutions, the federal government or from investors through the capital market

Recurrent Expenditure: Refers to recurring payments: wages and salaries for civil servants; overhead costs (electricity bills, purchase of diesel); consolidated revenue account charges; transfers (to local government, for example); interest payments on existing loans; and other (subsidies, for example).

Personnel Cost: include salaries, allowance and other benefits that Government pays to its workers (civil servants).

Overhead Cost: These are any regular expenses which are not paid directly to a



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civil servant or other government workers, including amounts billed directly to customers. Overheads must be paid for regularly. Examples are electricity bills, water bills, the buying diesel for generators, or the money spent on travelling during work, by civil servants.

Capital Expenditure: Capital Expenditure is money spent by government to acquire or build fixed capital assets, land or intangible assets. Capital Expenditure is how much is used for projects like the

building of schools, hospitals, roads, or buying security equipment. Capital Expenditure is sometimes called “Capex”

Sectoral Allocation: Expenditure is allocated to different ministries,

departments and agencies (MDA). Each MDA will have an approved budget of recurrent and capital expenditure as part of the overall approved state government budget to run its daily activities as well as carry out projects associated with them respectively.

It is recommended that States include allocations for all MDAs in the template or at least the highest spending MDAs.

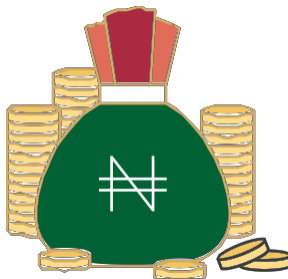
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General Framework

BUDGET SUMMARY



₦225.7bn

Total Budget Expenditure

N191.03bn

Total Budget
Revenue & Grants

₦34.6bn

Budget Deficit



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Where will the Money come From?

REVENUE SUMMARY



₦23.9bn

Internally Generated Revenue

₦32.1bn

Grants



₦97.7bn

Statutory Allocation

₦26.0bn

Value Added Tax



₦10.9bn

Other Statutory Revenue

₦.bn



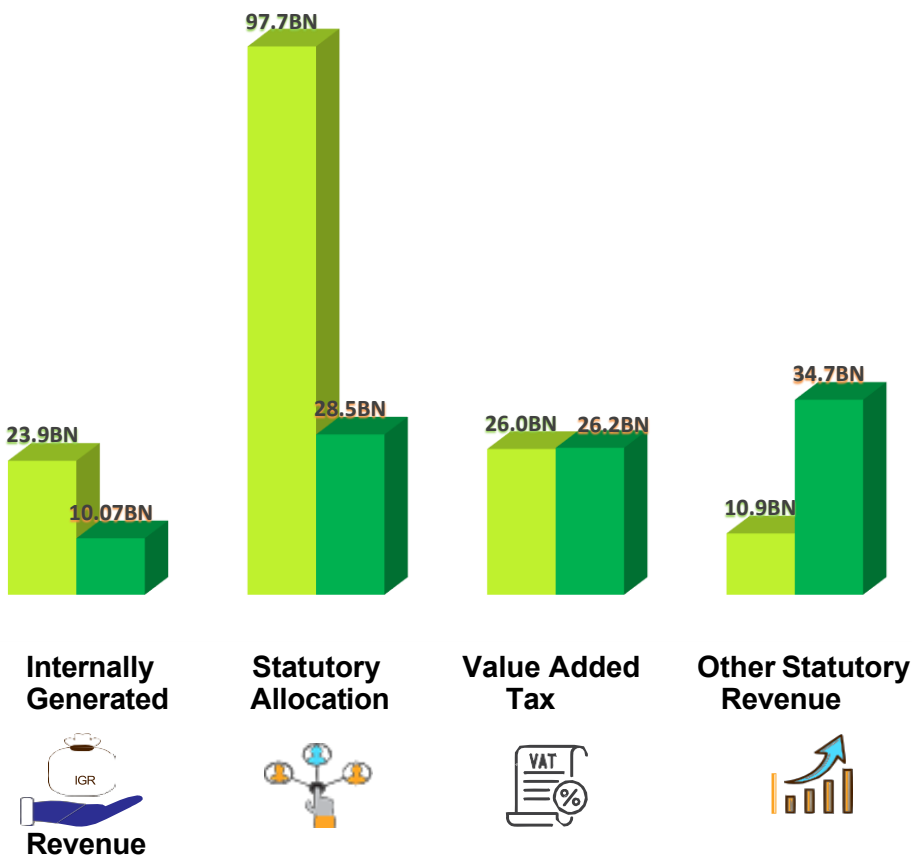
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Revenue Breakdown

REVENUE PERFORMANCE

2024 Budget Target

2023 Budget Actual





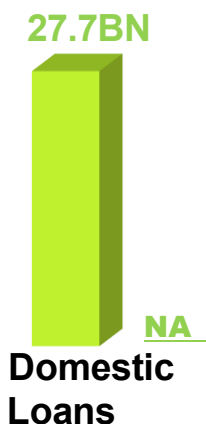
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Deficit Financing

BUDGET DEFICIT FINANCING

2024 Budget Target

2023 Budget Actual

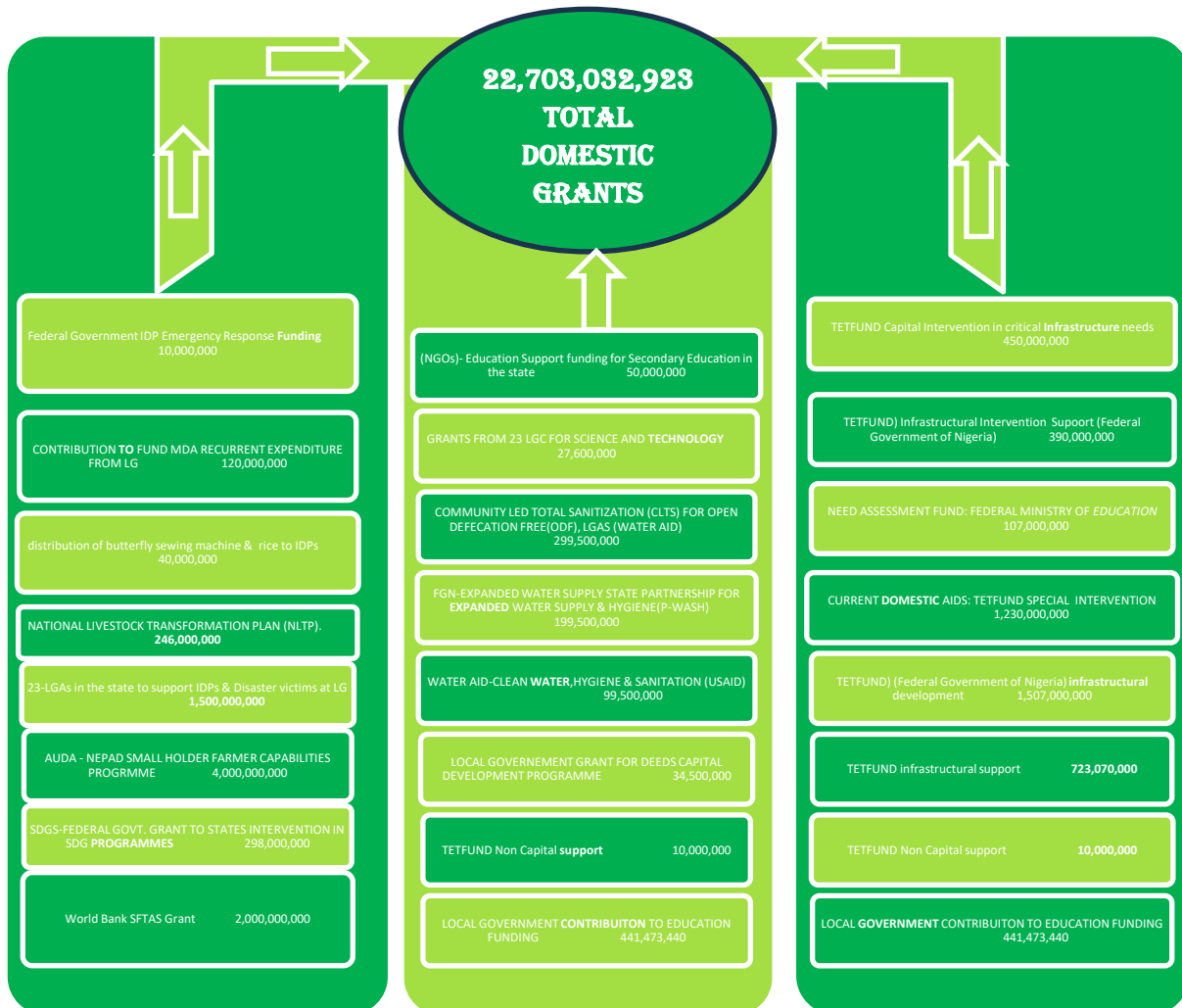




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How will Government source the grants?

DOMESTIC GRANTS



How will Government source the grants?

DOMESTIC GRANTS



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BHCPF (1%) of the Consolidated
Revenue Fund (CRF)
500,000,000

NHIS Contribution for Basic Health
Care Provision Fund(BHCPF)
156,500,000

Saving One Million Lives (SOML)-
Maternal and Child Health (World
Bank) 1,200,000,000

GRANTS FROM NGOS
8,000,000

GRANTS FROM INDIVIDUALS
4,000,000

TETFUND NON CAPITAL GRANTS
4,128,437,083

TETFUND Intervention Projects
1,668,916,700

National Primary Health Care
Development Agency (NPHCDA)
Decentralized Facility Financing – DFF
for Basic Health Care Provision
Fund(BHCPF) 626,000,000

1% RECEIPTS FROM LG FAAC
ALLOCATION
608,835,700

AIDS Prevention Initiative in
Nigeria(APIN) Public Health Initiative
5,000,000

CURRENT DOMESTIC GRANTS(LGHA
GRANTS)
14,200,000



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How will Government source the grants?

FOREIGN GRANTS

TOTAL FOREIGN
GRANT
5.4BN

ACCESS TO SAFE CLEAN WATER, SANITATION
HYGIENE & WATER IN NIGERIA (SHAWN)
(UNICEF) 499,500,000

SANITATION HYGIENE & WATER IN NIGERIA
(SHAWN) SAFE DRINKING WATER (UNICEF)
299,500,000

RURAL SANITATION & HYGIENE PROMOTION
IN NIGERIA (RUSHPIN) GLOBAL SANITATION
FUND PROGRAMME (UN-HABITAT)
149,500,000

BENUE STATE CARES COORDINATION UNIT
FOR NIGERIA COVID-19 ACTION RECOVERY
AND ECONOMIC STIMULUS (World Bank
Grant) PROGRAMME FOR RESULT
72,234,496

FOREIGN GRANTS: WOFE
100,000,000

International Development Association
(IDA)-Child Development grant Program
728,000,000

International Development Association
(IDA)-Child Development grant Program
319,199,000

(UNFPA)-Child family planning,
maternal health, HIV & AIDS support
10,000,000

International Fund for Agricultural
Development (IFAD)/Value Chain
Development Programme (VCDP)
800,000,000

FUNDING FOR SCALE OF CLTS/ODF BY
UNICEF 112,506,421

WATER AID-CLEAN WATER, HYGIENE &
SANITATION (USAID)
99,500,000

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)-
Maternal and Newborn and Child Health
10,000,000

(ICRC) International Committee of the Red
Cross ICRC Water and Sanitation Support
10,000,000

FROM UNICEF FOR ACSM HPV, MNCAH
120,972,890

Global Chinese Conference on Computers in
Education (GCCCE) Grant
500,000,000

Adolescent Girls Initiative for Learning and
Empowerment (AGILE)
1,600,000,000

How will Government source the loans?

DOMESTIC LOANS



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27.7BN
Domestic Loans

20.0BN
**BORROWING FROM FINANCIAL
INSTITUTION**

(Debt Management Office)

&

7.7BN
**BUDGET SUPPORT - FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT**
(Office of The Accountant General)

How will Government source the loans?

FOREIGN LOANS



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6.8BN
Foreign Loans

3.8BN

*State action on Business Enabling Reform
(SABER)*

(Office of the Accountant General)

&

3BN

*WORLD BANK 3-YEAR INTERVENTION
(\$5.5MILLION) RESULT BASE PERFORMANCE
PROGRAMME/ MONITORING AND
EVALUATION. PARTNERS [NASSI, BESIMA,
FACAN AFAN ETC)*

(Ministry of Industry trade & Investment)

How will Government spend the money?

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY



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₦225.7bn

Total Expenditure



₦110.4bn

Total Recurrent
Expenditure



₦56.5bn

Personnel
Cost



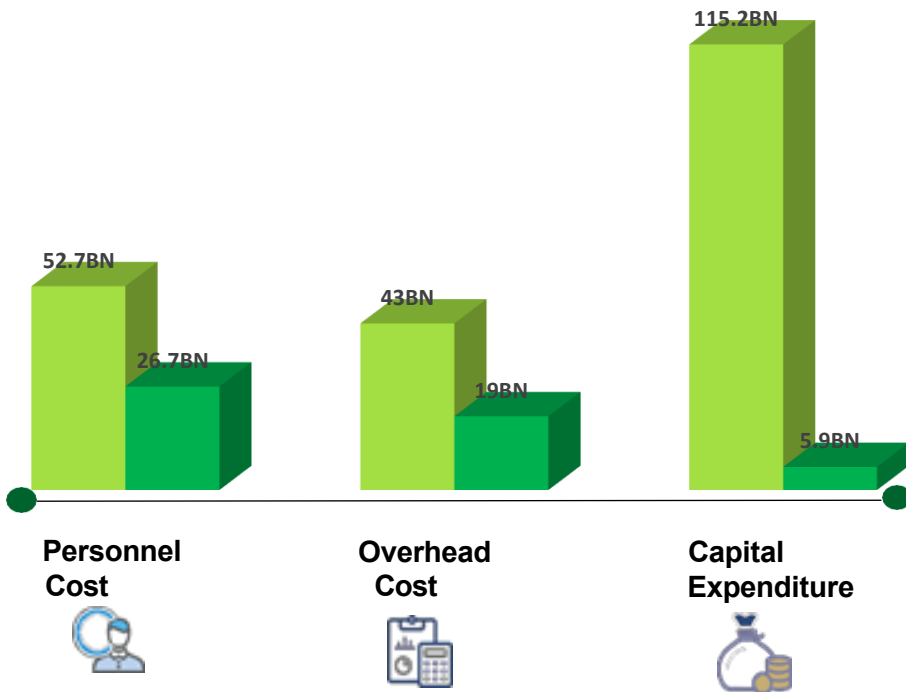
₦53.9bn

Overhead Cost

How will Government spend the money?

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

- 2024 Budget Target
- 2023 Actual



Expenditure: Where does the money go?

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE



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Administrative Sector
₦58.9bn



Economic
Sector
₦97.05bn



Social Sect
₦58.7BN



Justice
Sector
₦10.9BN

Expenditure: Where does the money go?

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE




**Economic
Sector
75.9Bn**


**Social
Sector
₦22.1Bn**


**Administrative
Sector
₦11.4Bn**


₦5.7Bn



Expenditure: Where does the money go?

TRACK MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

WITH US

Project	Line Ministry/Agency	Location(s)	LGA(s)	Amount
CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF ROADS: SURFACING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TOWNSHIP ROADS IN MAKURDI, GBOKO, OTUKPO, KATSINA ALA, VANDEIKYA, OJU, AND OTHERS.	Ministry of Works, Housing and Urban Development	STATE WIDE	STATE WIDE	24,333,333,333
CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE: CONTRACT FINANCING - (CONTRACTORS ARREARS/PERSONNEL AREARS)	Debt Management Office	MAKURDI	MAKURDI	8,666,666,667
CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC /STREET LIGHTS:INSTALLATION, REHABILITATION & MAINTENANCE OF SOLAR STREET LIGHTS IN MAKURDI	Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation	MAKURDI	MAKURDI	5,135,573,870
CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF ROADS: CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL ROADS ACROSS THE 23 LGA IN THE STATE	Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development	STATE WIDE	STATE WIDE	5,000,000,000
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION OF TOWNS,VILLAGES & COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE 23-LGA IN THE STATE & PURCHASE OF TRANSFORMERS,INSTALL ATION OF SOLAR STREET LIGHT ETC	Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development	STATE WIDE	STATE WIDE	6,275,000,000
REHABILITATION / REPAIRS OF OFFICE BUILDINGS: UPGRADING OF APER AKU STADIUM TURF	Ministry of Youth, Sports and Creativity	STATE WIDE	STATE WIDE	4,021,500,000

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT: RESEARCH ON THE IMPACT OF DONORS UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP, SOCIAL INV. PROG. (SOCU) MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE, ETC. ON INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE	Benue State Budget and Economic Planning Commission	MAKURDI	MAKURDI	3,200,000,000
PURCHASE OF HEALTH / MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (5 PCR EQUIPMENTS FOR MOLECULAR LAB, 6 ICU VENTILATORS, 5 OPHTHALMIC EQUIPMENTS, 5 DIALYSIS MACHINES, CT SCAN, MOBILE X-RAYS, O&G EQUIPMENTS, SURGERY EQUIPMENTS, ENDOSCOPY SUITES,)	Benue State University Teaching Hospital (BSUTH)	MAKURDI	MAKURDI	3,168,250,000
CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES: CONSTRUCTION OF (AUDANEPAD) POULTRY, PIGRY, LIVESTOCK & GREEN HOUSE FARMING ACROSS 7 PILOT LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE 3-SENATORIAL ZONES OF THE STATE.	Development Cooperations, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	STATE WIDE	STATE WIDE	2,350,771,078
REHABILITATION / REPAIRS OF OFFICE BUILDINGS: RENOVATION / REHABILITATION OF BENUE STATE SECRETARIAT & OTHERS.	Ministry of Works, Housing and Urban Development	MAKURDI	MAKURDI	2,000,000,000
REHABILITATION / REPAIRS - HOSPITAL / HEALTH CENTRES: UPGRADING OF GENERAL HOSPITAL IN ZONE A TO SPECIALIST HOSPITAL	Ministry of Health and Human Services	STATE WIDE	STATE WIDE	1,000,000,000.00
REHABILITATION / REPAIRS OF OFFICE BUILDINGS: RENOVATION OF 16 NO. GOVT SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES IN BENUE STATE AT N15, 625,000 MILLION EACH	Ministry of Education and Knowledge Management	STATE WIDE	STATE WIDE	1,000,000,000.00

REHABILITATION OF EXISTING PCI WATER SCHEME ACROSS THE STATE & ECOLOGICAL PROJECTS	025200100100 - Ministry of Water Resources, Environment and Climate Change	MAKURDI	MAKURDI	1,300,000,000.00
CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF OFFICE BUILDINGS: OFFICE COMPLEX AT HQTRS.	032600100100 - Ministry of Justice and Public Order	MAKURDI	MAKURDI	1,000,000,000.00
PROCUREMENT OF FARM INPUTS , FERTILIZER,TRACTOR, SEEDLINGS ETC	Ministry of Agriculture	MAKURDI	MAKURDI	3,075,302,385.12
CONSTRUCTION/PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE: LOCAL INVESTMENTS: NON QUOTED COMPANIES - COVID - 19 IMPACT RELIEF PACKAGES FOR SMES IN PRIORITY SECTORS (NG CARES) &CAPITAL INITIATIVE SUPPORT FOR RURAL WOMEN,	Ministry of Industry, Trade & Investment	MAKURDI	MAKURDI	3,613,920,000.00

Expenditure: Where does the money go?

TRACK CAPITAL PROJECTS WITH US



ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE



₦26,333,333,333

HEALTH



₦1,000,000,000.00

LAW & JUSTICE



₦1,000,000,000.00

AGRICULTURE



₦3,075,302,385.12

FINANCE & PLANNING



₦3,200,000,000

PENSION & GRATUITY



₦11,572,665,471.20

FINANCE & INVESTMENTS



₦3,613,920,000.00

YOUTH & SPORTS



₦4,021,500,000

EDUCATION



₦1,000,000,000.00

GOVERNANCE & GENERAL SECURITY



10,025,000,000.00

Minutes Of Citizen Engagement

MINUTES



MINUTES OF BENUE STATE 2023 PUBLIC CONSULTATION TOWN HALL MEETING AND CITIZENS' ENGAGEMENT FOR THE PREPARATION OF 2024 BUDGET HELD AT THE PRECIOUS EVENT CENTRE, MAKURDI ON 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2023.

1.0 ATTENDANCE:

The 2023 Public Consultation Town Hall Meeting on Citizens' Engagement for the Preparation of 2024 Budget began with the arrival of guests, registration of participants and the introduction of dignitaries by the Master of Ceremony (MC) at 11:00am.

1.1 COMMENCEMENT:

The 2023 Public Consultation/Town Hall Meeting started with an opening prayer led by the Director, General Services and Administration (DGSA) of Gwer-East Local Government (LG) in the person of Mrs. Kwaghbo Veronica by 11:45am.

1.2 WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, BENUE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION (BSPC).

The covering Permanent Secretary who is also the Director of Budget in the Benue State Planning Commission in person of Dr. Aondowase Nyam welcome all participants and appreciated them for sparing time to attend this important event despite their tight schedules. He craved the indulgence of the participants to pay maximum attention and contribute meaningfully to the discussions.

1.3 REMARKS BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, BENUE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION (BSPC).

Director-General/Chief Executive officer, Benue State Planning Commission - Prof. Jerome Andohol in his keynote address, emphasized the importance of the meeting, stressing that the conclusions/recommendations of the citizens' budget will be enshrined into the budget of the the Benue State Government. He encouraged participants to be attentive to proceedings and contribute fruitfully to all the deliberations.

1.4 REMARK BY THE HON. COMMISSIONER, MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

The Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Finance who was represented at the occasion by Mr. Apirtyu Ayaka-the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, expressed his delight for the turn-out of the expected unions and other critical stakeholders, he further enjoined them on the need to fully participate in the budget process as it is for their good and that of the generality of the State. the Benue State Government. He encouraged participants to be attentive to proceedings and contribute fruitfully to all the deliberations.

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Remarks



1.5 REMARK BY THE HON. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The Speaker of the Benue State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Aondona Dajoh who was represented by the Honorable member representing Tiev State constituency in the Benue State House of Assembly- Hon. Matthew Damkor acknowledged the fact that the budget process is a tedious task and emphasized the need for all hands to be on deck to promote inclusivity of the process to informal sector to a reasonable level. He promised that the House of Assembly will always synergize with the Executive to prepare a realistic budget.

1.6 ADDRESS BY THE CHIEF HOST AND THE GOVERNOR OF BENUE STATE.

The Chief Host of the Citizen Engagement/Town Hall meeting, His Excellency, Rev, Fr. Dr. Hyacinth Iormem Alia the Executive Governor of Benue State was represented by the Deputy Governor of the State, His Excellency Barr. Sam Odeh. He stated that the importance of budgeting cannot be over-emphasized as it prepares the states' financial responsibility in a given financial year, as well as proffer possible solutions to the challenges of developing and transforming a state amidst competing demands and limited resources.

The Governor further encouraged participants to be deeply involved in the process to pave way for greater achievements in the process of developing the state. He frowned at the issue of apathy in budgeting stressing that this year's budget is budget of inclusivity. He informed the gathering that security personnel are doing their best to ensure the return of the Internally Displaced People (IDPs) to their ancestral homes.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CITIZENS AND STAKEHOLDERS

i) **The Traditional Institutions:** The Ter-Kunav, His Royal Highness, Nyiyongo Achiaku responded on behalf of the traditional rulers and lamented the high level of taxes as it has discouraged even the registration of vehicles in the state as Benue residents now prefer to register their vehicles in neighboring States with low taxes. He further solicited for the improvement of the tax system in the State. The representative of the Hon. Speaker of Benue State House of Assembly, Hon. Matthew Damkor responded on this note of taxation system in Benue State that the State House of Assembly will look into the Revenue Laws and have it amended to reflect the current realities.

ii) **Physically Challenged:** Mr. Ansher Batholomew spoke on behalf of the People with Disabilities (PWD) and pointed out that the word 'physically challenged should not be used but that it should rather be corrected to read as 'People Living with Disabilities. He further pointed out that the Ministry under which the disabled people are classified should be spelled out to them and stressed the importance of carrying disabled people along in all government activities in the State.

iii) **United Nations Children's Fund UNICEF Representative:** Dr. Ngozi Onuora said that Benue State has been selected as a pilot State with focus on women's and children's nutrition. She pointed out that children are having stunted growth as a result of hunger and starvation and urgent attention should be given to nutrition activities and captured in the state budget appropriately so as to enable coordination and implementation of nutrition program and activities in the state easier. The Governor of the state noted in appreciation, the contributions of UNICEF to Benue state and call for the support of all and sundry to achieve high nutrition status in the state for all people.

iv) **Civil Society Organization (CSO):** The representative of the Civil Society Organization, Dr. John Chen, opined that the State Budget should address at agricultural sector on a holistic level. Mechanization of Agricultural farms and building of Dams to encourage dry season farming as Benue State is still lagging behind in the production of food and other agricultural products in the irrigated/dry season farming. He further stated in his presentation that laws should be promulgated towards promoting accountability and fiscal responsibilities and improved seedlings for farmers. The governor in his response re-emphasized that production of agricultural produce should be given a top priority and had ordered the Ministry of Agriculture to take necessary steps in this direction.

Stakeholders Contribution

CITIZEN CONTRIBUTION



v) The Director, General Services and Administration (DGSA) Forum: The representative of the forum stressed the need to improve the Local Government infrastructure under their domains, stating that the infrastructures are dilapidated and in a state of decay. He further enjoined the State to put up necessary modalities to ensure food security and provision of water as this affect local populace in the grass-roots. He finally solicited for granting of the Local Government Autonomy and provision of security to address criminal and herdsmen attacks.

vi) The Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) Chairman: The NUJ Chairman, Comrade Vincent Niyiyongo thanked the government for the privilege given to them to participate in the town hall meeting and crave for sustenance. He called on the budget department to attend to the calls of the NUJ in order to have the budget broken down for the people for easy accessibility and understanding. He lamented on dilapidated structure of their state secretariat and appealed to His Excellency to renovate it for them. He also called on the government for payment of their allowances.

2.0 Closing Remark:

The Director-General/CEO of Benue State Planning Commission- Prof. Jerome Andohol promised to incorporate all the conclusions and recommendations in the state budget.

3.0 Vote of Thanks:

The Director of Budget, Benue State Planning Commission, Dr. Aondowase Nyam expressed appreciation for the immense cooperation and commitment of all the participants in the 2023 Town Hall Meeting. He specially thanked the Council Chairmen, the PWDs, CSOs, NGOs CBOs, DGSAs, Trade Unions, Youth Representatives, Speakers from the various senatorial zones, representative of the Benue State House of Assembly, Traditional Leaders, and other Professional Associations for their attendance and immense contribution to kick-start the process for the preparation of the 2024 budget.

He finally assured participants that the 2024 budget would take care of their submissions. The meeting was closed at 2:30 pm with a word of prayer by the MC of the occasion, Mr. Vincent Aondofa Adule.

Dr. Aondowase Nyam

Director of Budget
Benue State

Dr. John Chen

CSO (BENGONET)
Benue State.

Opening Speech

Executive Governor



TEXT BY HIS EXCELLENCY, REV Fr. Dr. HYACINTH IORMEM ALIA AT THE 2023 PUBLIC CONSULTATION TOWN HALL MEETING/CITIZENS' ENGAGEMENT FOR THE PREPARATION OF 2024 BUDGET HOLDING AT PRECIOUS EVENT CENTER ON FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2023

PROTOCOL

It is an absolute honor to stand before you today at this esteemed Citizens' Engagement Summit on the preparation of 2024 Budget. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for taking the time to join us on this significant occasion. Today, we gather here not merely as individuals, but as responsible citizens driven by a common purpose, which is to shape the future of our great State, and contribute towards its annual budget preparation.

The importance of an inclusive and participatory budgeting process cannot be emphasized enough. We firmly believe that the collective wisdom of our citizens is a valuable asset that must be tapped into. Each one of us holds unique perspectives and experiences that can enrich the decision-making process in ways unimaginable. This summit serves as a platform for us to come together, share ideas, and collectively shape the destiny of our state.

As we stand at a pivotal moment in history, our state faces numerous challenges, but it is through our unity and collaborative efforts that we can transform these challenges into opportunities. The success of our annual budget lies not solely with our elected representatives, but with each one of us present here today. Our contributions, suggestions, and ideas carry the power to create a budget that truly reflects the aspirations and needs of our diverse communities.

Let us remember that the essence of democracy lies in the active participation of its citizens. In this room, we have educators, healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs, community leaders, and many more esteemed individuals, who possess a wealth of knowledge and expertise. It is this collective pool of wisdom that will enable us to devise innovative strategies and allocate resources efficiently.

Opening Speech Cont..

Executive Governor



We must recognize that the responsibility of shaping our state's future extends beyond this summit. Engaging our fellow citizens, fostering dialogue, and encouraging active participation at every level of governance is crucial. The power lies within us to ensure that every voice is heard, every idea is considered, and every contribution is valued.

Today, I urge each one of you to embrace this opportunity wholeheartedly. Let us harness our talents, our experiences, and our passion for progress, and channel them towards the greater good. Together, we can create a budget that not only addresses the pressing needs of Benue State but also paves the way for a brighter and more prosperous future.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Benue State Planning Commission, the organizers of this summit, for their tireless efforts in bringing us all together. Let us seize this moment, let us make our voices heard, and let us inspire change. Remember, our collective actions today will shape the legacy, we leave behind for generations to come.

Thank you as we embark on this journey of budget preparations with optimism, determination, and a firm resolve to build a greater Benue.

Opening Speech

Director General



TEXT BY DIRECTOR GENERAL/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BENUE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE 2023 PUBLIC CONSULTATION TOWN HALL MEETING/CITIZENS' ENGAGEMENT FOR THE PREPARATION OF 2024 BUDGET HOLDING AT PRECIOUS EVENT CENTER ON FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2023.

PROTOCOL

It is with great delight that I stand here to welcome you to this auspicious occasion marking the first budget Citizens' Engagement Summit of the Alia-led administration.

This summit marks the commencement of the 2024 Budget cycle, which is a sine quo non by the Nigeria Governors Forum towards budget preparation, and further ranking of States budgets on issues of transparency, probity and accountability.

The essence of this exercise is to build citizens' trust in governance, enhance monitoring of fiscal risks, facilitate accountability of public resources, and create awareness of the citizens to issues on inclusive budget preparation, implementation, reporting, assessment and mobilization for responsive governance.

As we partake in this process, I crave on your indulgence to give it the maximum attention that it deserves. The intent is to aggregate views that will assist towards achieving the set objectives as encapsulated in His Excellency, Rev. Fr. Dr. Hyacinth Iormem Alia's vision and policy document tagged 'A Strategic Development Plan for a Greater Benue'

On this note I welcome you aboard on this bottom-up approach of governance as you do the needful towards precipitating growth and development of the Benue State of our dreams.

Thanks for coming

Questionnaire

Evaluation Sheet



BENUE STATE BUDGET & ECONOMIC PLANNING COMMISSION, MAKURDI.
CITIZENS' BUDGET ENGAGEMENT SUMMIT GUIDE AND EVALUATION SHEET.
DATE: 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2023. VENUE: PRECIOUS EVENT CONFERENCE CENTRE

CITIZENS BUDGET:

		Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
A	Your satisfaction with the process: How satisfied are you with the?					
i	Fairness of the participation process(fairness)	30	50	22	2	
ii	relevance of problem discussed(importance)	35	50	15	4	
iii	size of the information which helped you understand the problem for effective participation(publicity)	40	40	21	3	
iv	Clarity and understanding of what is required (Knowledge ability)	30	44	20	10	
	Total					
B	Your satisfaction with the process results. How Satisfied are you with?					
		Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
i	Your contribution during the participation(impactful)	50	40	14		
ii	Fairness of the expected results from the process(accountability)	40	40	20	4	

Questionnaire

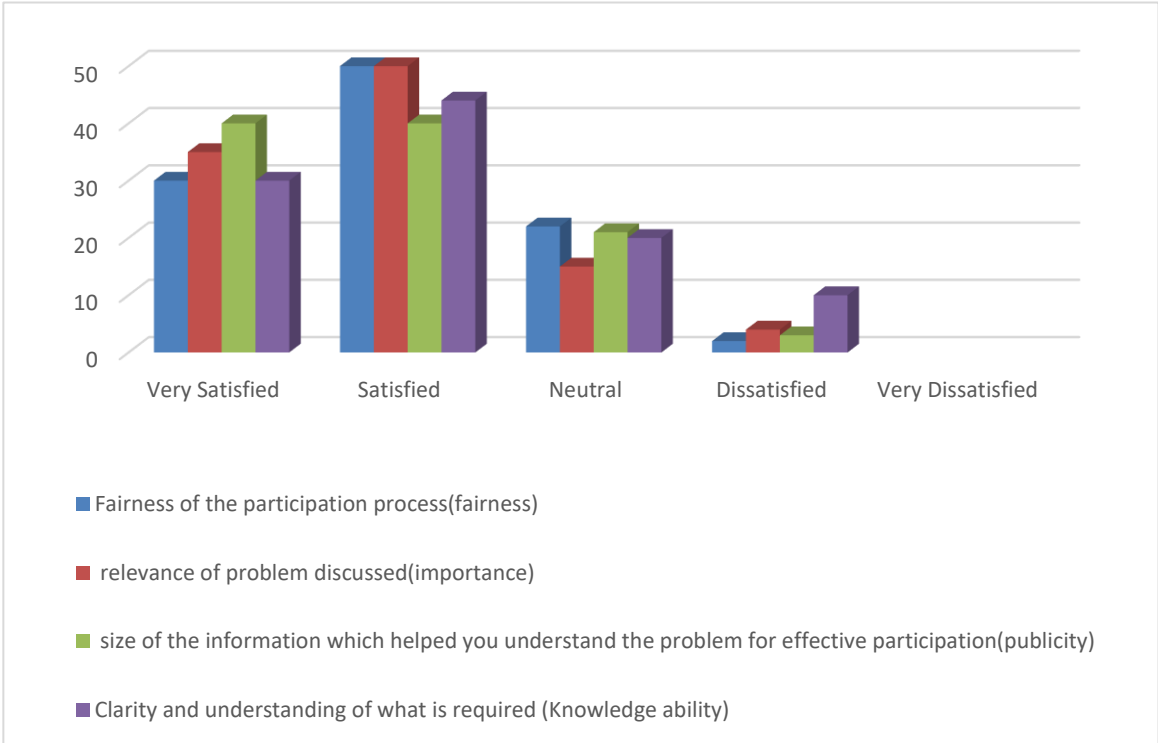
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iii	The extent to which these results will represent the interests of the public(representativeness)	30	50	22	2	
iv	The impact of this process on results(equitability and expectations)	45	40	19		
v	The quality of discussion(quality)	50	55			
vi	The extent to which the discussions were open, honest and clear.(transparency)	45	50	9		
	Total					
C	Your satisfaction with the facilitator: How satisfied are you with the.....?					
		Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
i	Facilitator's Neutrality and fairness. (their open-mindedness)	40	60	4		
ii	Facilitator's attitude(courtesy)	35	55	14		
iii	with the capacity of the institutions that will enforce the law. (competency and staff honesty)	30	55	19		
	Total					

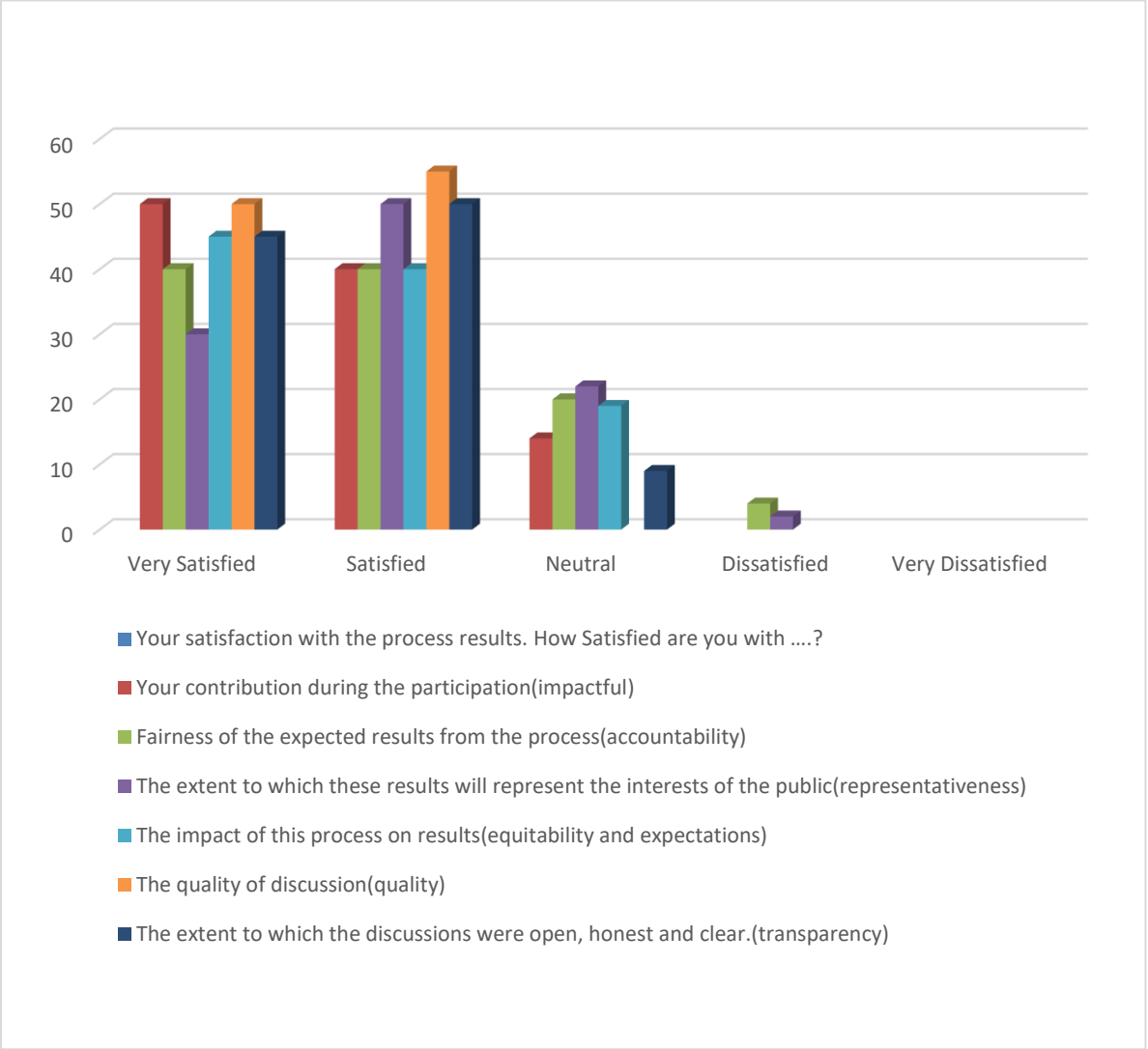


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Your satisfaction with the process results. How Satisfied are you with?

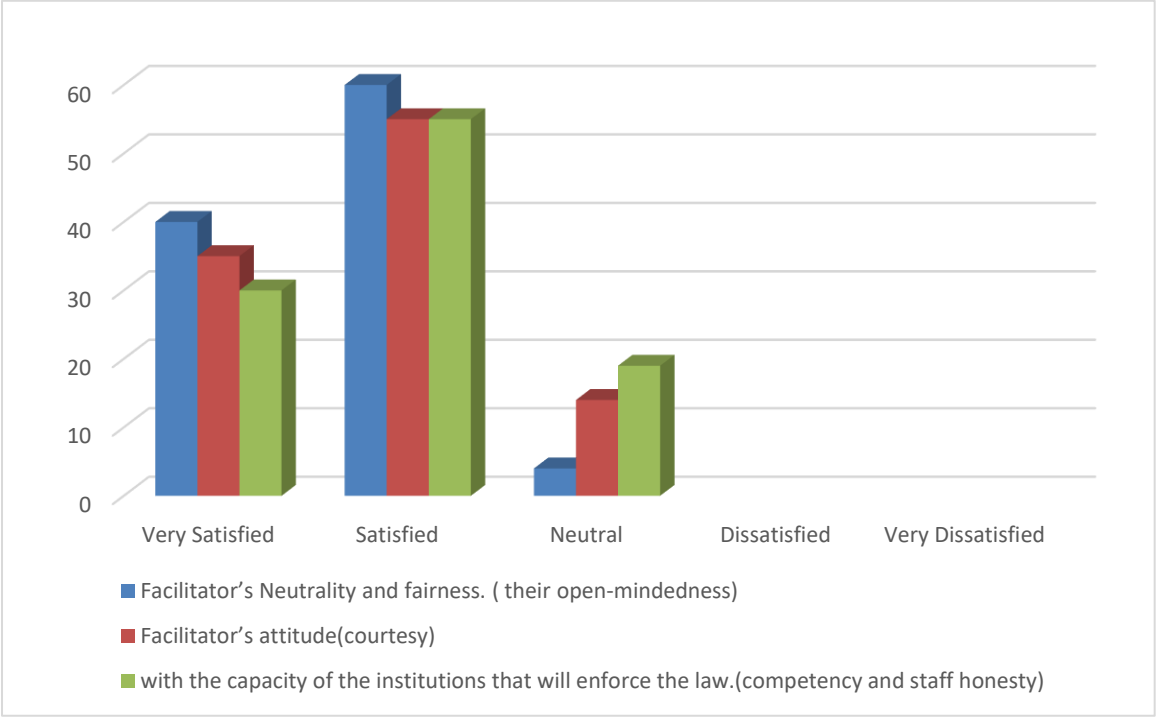


Questionnaire

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Your satisfaction with the facilitator: How satisfied are you with the.....?



Questionnaire on Project

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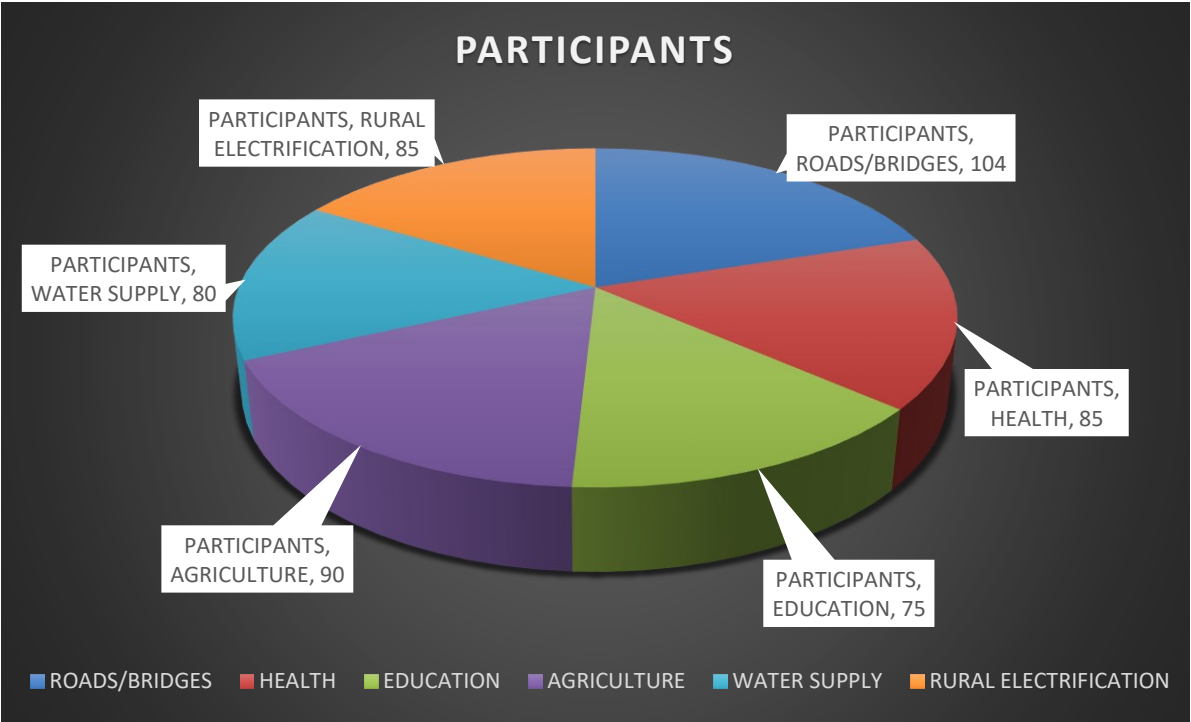


The following are response from questionnaire administered during the public consultation & citizen's engagement held on the 22nd september,2023 for preparation of the 2024 budget.

D	Ranking of three projects in order of your priority that you want them executed in 2024 budget				
i.	Roads 104 persons chooses roads which is 100% of the total participants				
ii.	Health facilities 85 persons chooses hospital/clinics which is 81.7 % of the total participants				
iii.	Education: 75 persons chooses building of schools which is 72.1% of the total participants				
iv.	Agric: 90 persons chooses provision of fertilizers and agricultural inputs which represents 86.5 % of the total participants				
v.	Water supply: 80 persons choose provision of water to both the urban and rural communities which are 77% of the total participants.				
vi.	Rural electrification: 85 persons chooses electrification of rural communities which is 82% of the total participants				
	Total				

out of the 104 participants,104 respondents were in favor of building of roads and bridges,85 respondents were in favor of PHC/ health Facilities,75 respondents were in favor of Education, 90 respondents were in support of agriculture and agricultural inputs,80 respondents were in favor of access to safe drinking water,85 respondents' rural electrification to spur local SMEs.

INFRASTRUCTURE	PARTICIPANTS	%PERCENTAGE
ROADS/BRIDGES	104	100
HEALTH	85	81.7
EDUCATION	75	72.1
AGRICULTURE	90	86.5
WATER SUPPLY	80	76.9
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION	85	81.7
TOTAL PARTICIPANT	104	



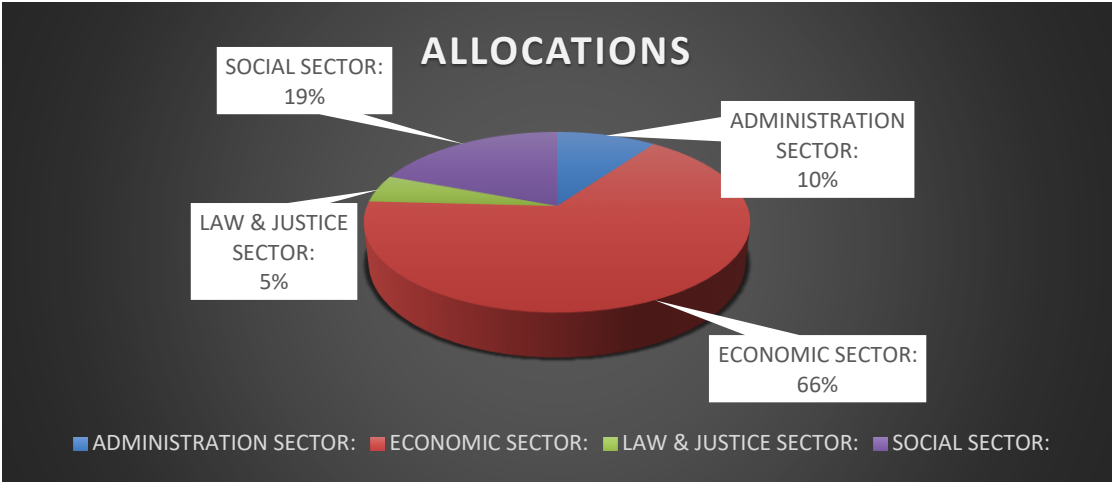
2024 Budget

Sectorial Allocations



with citizen’s engagement in mind, the 2024 budget was crafted with inputs reflected in sectoral outcomes, as roads & bridges, Agriculture, rural electrification, water supply fall into the economic sector which took 66% of the total capital budget for 2024 while, education & health fall into the social sectors respectively which took 19% of the total capital budget for 2024.

2024 BUDGET SECTOR	ALLOCATIONS
ADMINISTRATION SECTOR:	11,444,150,944.64
ECONOMIC SECTOR:	75,939,277,730.29
LAW & JUSTICE SECTOR:	5,706,888,286.60
SOCIAL SECTOR:	22,150,044,279.46



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BENUE STATE GOVERNMENT
ATTENDANCE SHEET OF 2023 CITIZEN INPUTS/PARTICIPATION FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION TOWN HALL MEETING FOR THE PREPARATION OF 2024 BUDGET
HELD ON FRIDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2023 AT PRECIOUS EVENT CONFERENCE CENTRE, OPPOSITE BENUE HOTELS, OLD GRA, MAKURDI, BENUE STATE

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PHOTOGRAPH AT THE 2023 PUBLIC CONSULTATION TOWNHALL MEETING/CITIZEN'S ENGAGEMENT FOR THE PREPARATION OF 2024 BUDGET



Representative of His Excellency the executive Governor, His Deputy Governor Sam Odeh opening speech at the 2023 public Consultation town hall/citizen engagement meeting



the DG Benue State Economic Planning Commission delivering his opening Speech at the 2023 public Consultation town hall/citizen engagement meeting



The director of Budget opening remark at the 2023 Consultation town hall/citizen engagement meeting



members of the high table at the the 2023 Consultation town hall /citizen engagement meeting



Representative of civil society organizations remark at the 2023 public Consultation/citizen engagement meeting



Representative of NUJ at the 2023 public Consultation/citizen engagement meeting



UNICEF representative at the 2023 public Consultation/citizen engagement meeting



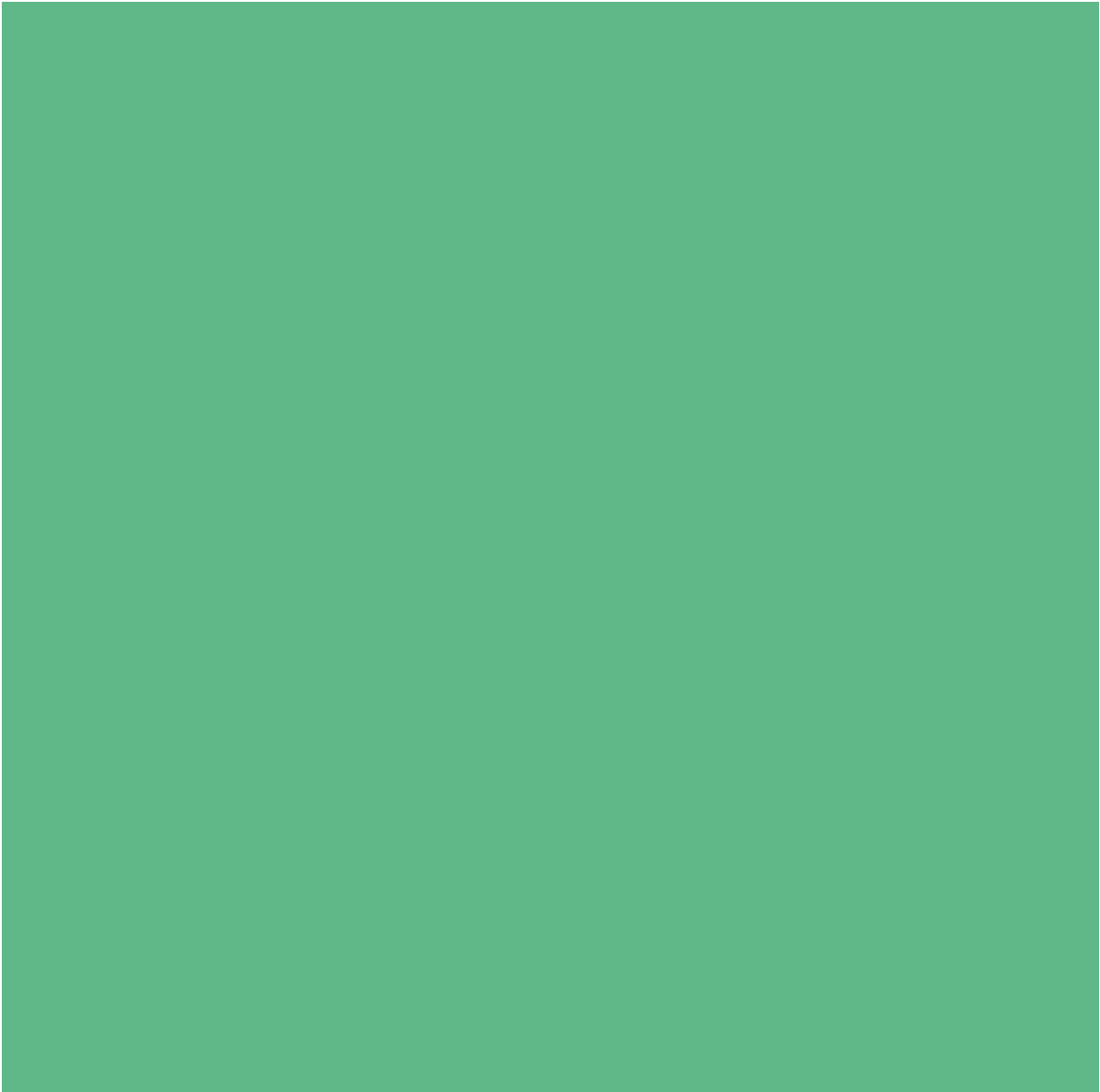
Forum of Directors General Service and Administration at the 2023 public Consultation/citizen engagement meeting



Representative of traditional institution at the 2023 public Consultation/citizen engagement meeting



Representative of people with disabilities at the 2023 public Consultation/citizen engagement meeting



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