

**MINUTES OF THE 2020 BUDGET TOWN HALL MEETING  
HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019 AT THE PRESIDENTIAL  
BANQUET HALL, BIRNIN KEBBI.**

**1.0 Introduction**

The 2020 Budget Town Hall meeting organized by the Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning was held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at the Presidential Banquet Hall, Birnin Kebbi. The meeting was organized to ensure participation of Kebbi State Citizens in the 2020 Budget formulation.

**2.0 Attendance**

The 2020 Budget Town Hall meeting was attended by the Governor of Kebbi State, Deputy Governor, SSG, HOS, Police Commissioner, Twenty Eight (28) Permanent Secretaries, Seventeen (17) Local Govt Chairmen, Twenty one (21) Heads of Boards and Parastatals, Ninety seven (97) Directors of MDAs, Twenty one Directors of Budget from the 21 LGAs, Fourteen (14) Traditional Rulers and Twenty six (26) CSOs/Development Partners.

**3.0 Opening**

The opening session was observed with National Anthem by the Participants.

**4.0 Welcome Remarks**

The welcome remark was delivered by the Secretary to the State Government (SSG). He expressed gratitude to the people of Kebbi State and noted with delight that the 2020 Budget Town Hall Meeting was organized for

the 1<sup>st</sup> time in Kebbi State. Speaking at the meeting on the 2020 Budget, the SSG stated that it reflected the common commitment of the State Government to work together with every individual in strategic planning in order to articulate policies that will deliver results for development.

#### **4.0 Objectives of the meeting**

- To enable the Citizen have common knowledge on Budget formulation process
- To foster greater understanding of how public funds are utilized
- To garner Citizen's inputs in the 2020 Budget
- To serve as a platform for citizens participation

#### **5.0 Presentation of Proposed 2020 Budget**

In her presentation, the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning expressed appreciation to the invited Guests for honouring the invitation despite their tight schedules. Thereafter, she presented the highlights of 2019 Budget Performance. That the 2019 Budget was in the sum of **N151,462,236,238.00**. Out of the total, **Capital Budget** was **N104,384,049,818** and **Recurrent Budget** was **N47,077,186,420.00**. The Performance was low due to low IGR and other revenue receipts.

And on the 2020 Budget, She informed the gathering that, the meeting is aimed at gathering inputs from the CSOs, NGOs and members of the general public on the 2020 Budget. She further informed them that, the meeting served as a platform for Citizens participation.

The 2020 Budget was prepared on the premise of increased IGR generation and proposed review of rates and charges and also new sources of revenues areas identified. She further informed the gathering that, the MBEP will monitor and track Revenue Budget same way it tracks Budget Expenditures to ensure the 2020 Budget forecast is achieved and surpassed. Other assumptions include an increase on VAT, statutory allocation based on the benchmark of oil price of \$57 per barrel, grants, loans and miscellaneous revenue. The 2020 Draft Budget stands at **N132,938,331,705.00** comprising of **Capital Expenditure \_ N84,984,601,6234.00** and **Recurrent Expenditure \_ N47,953,730,082.00**

### **6.0 Questions/Observations and Suggestions**

Several questions/observation and Suggestions were made which include:

- Provision for counter funds be made for CSOs in the 2020 proposed Budget
- State Fertilizer Company be Established in the State rather than allocating funds for procurement of Fertilizer.
- Local Govt Councils be supported to prepare their Budgets on IPSAS standards and also replicate the town hall meeting in their localities
- Suggestion was made for State to give more priorities to Education Sector

### **7.0 Keynote Address**

In his Keynote address, His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kebbi, Senator Abubakar Atiku Bagudu

expressed appreciation to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning for organizing the meeting and responding to various questions raised intelligently. He urged the MDAs to engage in careful and well – thought out strategic planning in order to implement projects that will have impact on the people.

Finally, he thanked the Ministry and the participants for the success of the meeting and directed that the outcomes of the meeting should be reflected in the 2020 Budget. He called for another meeting with the CSOs and the Ministry to exhaust all issues rose.

### **8.0 Inputs into the 2020 Budget**

The CSOs proposed the following activities, reflective of the yearnings of the people of Kebbi state.

- Procurement of fire fighting vehicles
- Procure of refuse evacuation trucks, mechanical street sweeper, strategic refuse collection bins, on major streets and public places
- Street and House numbering
- Conversion of N300 million earmarked for establishment of new schools for upgrading of 3 no. special Science Secondary Schools
- Provision of more funds for teachers' salaries to additional teachers
- Provision for preliminary expenditure for preparation and compensation
- Additional provision for foreign/specialized courses for postgraduates and undergraduates

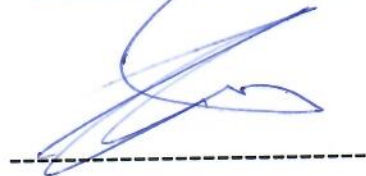
- Provision of incentives for the establishment of quick yielding economic trees plantations such as cashew, eucalyptus etc
- Provision for campaign to change Household consumption habits to achieve significant reduction in plastic wastes and the newly acquired negative lifestyle that is inimical to health

### Signed

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