

**THE REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY  
ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs), NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS  
(NGOs) AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBOs) IN ONDO  
STATE ON 2021 -2023 MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK  
(MTEF) AND 2021 BUDGET PREPARATION HELD AT BABAFUNKE AJASIN  
HALL, MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,  
IGBATORO ROAD, AKURE ON TUESDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup>NOVEMBER, 2020.**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Section 22, Subsection 2 (a) and (b) of the Ondo State Fiscal Responsibility Law (FRL), (2017), provides that a public consultation be held with the citizens and their representative with a view to harvesting their inputs into the State's MTEF leading to the yearly budget. In accordance to the above section of the Law, a parley with CSOs, NGOs, and CBOs, on the 2021 -2023 MTEF and 2021 budget preparation was held at Babafunke Ajasin Hall, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>November, 2020. The meeting was chaired by the Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Pastor Emmanuel Igbasan.

**2.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING**

2.1 The main objectives of the meeting were as follows:

- i. to present the 2021-2023 MTEF which included the projections for 2021 budget;
- ii. to harvest the inputs of the CSOs, NGOs, and CBOs or their representatives in order to include them in the 2021 budget;

- iii. to jointly monitor progress of government activities and ensure that there is prudent public financial management in the State; and
- iv. to create a public ownership of the 2021 fiscal documents.

### **3.0 PARTICIPANTS**

- 3.1 The meeting had in attendance the Honourable Commissioner, Ondo State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Pastor Emmanuel Igbasan, the Permanent Secretary, Ondo State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Bunmi Alade, the Director Budget, Mr. Aworere Stephen, the Director Technical Assistance & Aid Coordination, Mr. Adebusoye Monday, the Director Monitoring and Evaluation, Alhaji Adekunle L. A, Deputy Director Budget, Mr. E. O. Apata and a host of other members of staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget.
- 3.2 Also present at the meeting in large number were the invitees. They included representatives of the Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Representatives of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), and Representatives of Community Based Organizations (CBOs).

### **4.0. OPENING REMARKS**

- 4.1. Mr. Bunmi Alade, the Permanent Secretary, Ondo State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, welcomed the participants to the meeting. He remarked that the consultative meeting was organized to present the economic stance of the State in the year 2021 and to discuss the needs, desires and yearnings of the people as inputs into the year 2021 budget. He stated the meeting was compulsory before the annual Budget can be crafted. He recalled that the

CSOs, NGOs and the CBOs were invited for interaction during the Revised Budget Preparation. He added that the attendees could be called by independent bodies to ascertain if the consultative meeting was held. He affirmed that some of the requests of the groups were taken for consideration into the 2020 Budget and therefore asked the attendees to make request while bearing in mind the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the State's economy. Concluding his remarks, he enjoined all stakeholders to contribute meaningfully to the discussion so as to have a robust, people-oriented post COVID-19 budget.

## **5.0. KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

- 5.1. The Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Pastor Emmanuel Igbasan, presented a keynote address on behalf of the Executive Governor of the State, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Odunayo Akeredolu, *SAM*. He welcomed all the participants to the auspicious occasion. While acknowledging the presence of the traditional ruler who represented an NGO, the representatives of the CSOs, CBOs and NGOs, he noted that the partnership with these groups had been unparalleled.
- 5.2. He commended Mr. Governor for the efficient utilization of the commonwealth of the State on life-impacting programmes and projects as a fulfillment of the lofty campaign promises he made to the citizens of the State through the Annual Budget since the inception of his administration.
- 5.3. He informed the gathering that the objectives of the community charter were to foster relationship between Government and the people, ensure inclusiveness, create awareness of what Government is doing and to create

the sense of ownership of the fiscal documents. With these objectives, the citizens would be able to take ownership of the government, feel the impact of its activities and be able to monitor the progress made in governance.

5.3. The commissioner recalled some of the requests of the participants during the last Consultative meeting to include:

- the merger of Ministries and Agencies with similar or related functions in order to save funds;
- that efforts should be put in place to avoid politicizing of all the laudable programmes meant for ameliorating the effect of COVID-19 lockdown;
- that government should concentrate on sectors worse hit by Covid-19 so as to restore the envisioned growth trajectory;
- that State economy needed diversification that the 2020 Budget review be used to address sexual assaults, rapes, job loss and marriage break-up being faced by women; and
- that something drastic be done to correct the seemingly unending epileptic power supply to encourage the growth of SMEs.

5.4. The Honourable Commissioner, informed the gathering about the various actions taken by the government on the issues raised above. The following are the key ones mentioned:

- COVID-19 Committee was formed without any political colouration or sentiment;
- COVID-19 palliatives were distributed across the 18 Local Government Areas of the State without any political strings attached;

- Government embarked on rigorous media publicity across the State so that people would be aware of what government was doing;
- Adequate funding was provided for Ministry of Women Affairs to tackle sexual assaults, rapes, and marriage break-up being faced by women;
- Loans and credit facilities were given to Micro Small and Medium Enterprises.
- Ondo Linyi Industrial Hub at Ore which currently hosts about 5 industries and the newly commissioned chocolate factory at Idanre were a step in diversifying the State economy;
- Declaration of Federal Government on Ondo Seaport being awaited;
- Provision of Isolation Centre at Ikare-Akoko;
- Upgrade of the Akure Isolation Centre;
- Fumigation of hospitals across the State;
- Provision of Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) against COVID-19 e.g. Hand sanitizers, Washing hand basin, Nose mask, etc.
- Provision of visual and e-learning platforms during the lockdown for students.
- Fumigation of all schools across the State.
- Tax incentives.

5.5. The Olujigba of Ejigba, Oba Luyi Rotimi, thanked the Government for his proactiveness during the pandemic of COVID-19 and encouraged the present administration to further strengthen its collaboration with China and extend this to the Russian Government in the areas of industrialization of the State.

**6.0. HIGHLIGHTS OF GOVERNMENT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE STATE.**

6.1.1. In his presentation, the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Bunmi Alade informed the gathering that the State 2020 Budget was reviewed from ₦187.859 billion to ₦151.438 billion so as to make deliberate provision for COVID-19 response activities in order to protect lives and livelihood of people, curtail the spread of the disease, reduce fatality rate and alleviate the economic impact of the pandemic in the State. The revised Budget was signed into law on 28th July, 2020.

6.1.2. Speaking further, he gave the analysis on the Recurrent Expenditure which decreased from ₦53.656 billion in 2019 to ₦43.929 billion in 2020. He however stated that, Capital Expenditure increased from ₦20.150 billion to ₦24.168 billion, Statutory Transfer increased from ₦1.879 in 2019 to ₦4.168 billion in 2020, also Debt Services increased from ₦5.335 billion to ₦13.121 billion as at September, 2020. He summarized that out of the ₦151.438 billion in the revised 2020 budget, a sum of ₦25.005 billion was allocated for Covid-19 response programmes and projects. He stated that it was divided into ₦22.902 billion and ₦2.108 billion for COVID-19 related Capital and Special programmes respectively.

6.1.3. On the projects and contracts awarded through the State Tenders' Board, a total of 184 new capital projects amounting to ₦28.385 billion were awarded between January and June 2020. With these, the projects awarded through the State's Tenders Board (STB) from years 2018 to 2020 totalled 2,611 with a cost of ₦171.706 billion. Aside these 2,611 projects, according to him, other MEDAs were also implementing projects and programmes through direct labour across the 18 LGA. Pictorial charts of the projects were shown on the screen for the viewing pleasure of the audience.

6.1.4. The Permanent Secretary stated that the Policy-thrusts and Priorities of Government in the next fiscal year were aimed to further consolidate on the modest gain of the last three and half years, using many approaches that would benefit all and sundry across the State.

6.1.5. He concluded the presentation by charging all the attendees to enlighten the members of their groups and the general public about the good works of government.

## **7.0. BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

### **7.1.0. PRESENTATION ON 2020 – 2022 MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTEF)**

7.1.1. Mr. Aworere Stephen, the director budget began his presentation with the analysis of 2020 revised budget performance. He x-rayed the extent of revenue performance of the 2020 revised budget vis-à-vis the expenditure profile of the State. Total inflow/revenue from all sources stood at N100,48 billion as at September, 2020. Expected target within same period was N113.58 billion, with a Shortfall of 11.54%.

7.1.2. Speaking on the 2021 - 2023 MTEF, the Director Budget briefed the meeting that, having taken into cognizance all macroeconomic indices as contained in the Federal Government of Nigeria's 2021-2023 MTEF, and also after the consideration of revenues to the State from all sources in the coming year 2021, the State had proposed a total budget of ₦131.076 billion for year 2021.

7.1.3. He made mention that the 2020 budget had been radically reviewed to focus on MEDAs that were worse hit by COVID-19 pandemic. This post COVID

budget now been proposed would be allocated to thirteen (13) sectors in the State. The table below shows the details of the sectoral capital allocation.

**PROPOSED SECTORAL ALLOCATION OF 2021 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>2021 Allocation</b>	<b>% 2021</b>
1	ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	341,816,149.82	1.25%
2	AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	5,408,457,749.79	19.85%
3	EDUCATION	3,898,776,053.11	14.31%
4	ENVIRONMENT AND SEWAGE MANAGEMENT	3,073,299,238.62	11.28%
5	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	1,251,523,054.88	4.59%
6	HEALTH	1,283,611,842.81	4.71%
7	INFORMATION	214,175,941.98	0.79%
8	INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT	3,364,520,604.04	12.35%
9	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION	293,139,799.37	1.08%
10	PUBLIC FINANCE	2,208,885,563.56	8.11%
11	REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	4,633,511,025.29	17.00%
12	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	584,116,205.39	2.14%
13	TRADE AND INDUSTRY	695,530,963.08	2.55%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>27,251,364,191.76</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

7.1.4. Mr. Aworere explained that the expenditure projection as depicted in the table above showed that the budget size of N131.075 Billion would be financed with only 26% coming from the Internally Generated Revenue in the State,



this exemplified the financial dependence of the State on revenue from Federal Allocation.

7.1.5. Concluding his presentation on the 2021-2023 MTEF, he stressed that the State Government, though have a challenge of paucity of fund, would continue to prioritise the needs of the people of Ondo State.

## **8.0 OBSERVATIONS/COMMENTS/REACTIONS FROM STAKEHOLDERS**

8.1 In reactions to the presentation, the participants appreciated the efforts of the State Government for organizing the consultative meeting as a platform for them to air their views and make their requests with a view to including them in the 2021 budget. They, however, commented/reacted as follows:

- i. That properties damaged during the ENDSARS protest were not captured in the 2021 Budget preparation.
- ii. That issues about gendered-based violence were not given the appropriate attention in the state budget.
- iii. That cutting of Cost of Governance to free up Funds for development was imperative;
- iv. That Watersheds management was poor in the State;
- v. That economic diversification along Agricultural value-chain needed to be emphasised;
- vi. That there was no synergy between ONDIPA and the local private sector;
- vii. That fund needed to be attracted from Development Partners;
- viii. That the State had not signed up to Open Governance Partnership;
- ix. That other Ministries were not empowered to engage with the CSOs,

- x. That existing government infrastructures for generating fund were dilapidated;
- xi. That CSOs were not being carried along during the execution of the proposed projects,
- xii. That allocated funds for activities against Gender-based violence was too small;
- xiii. That pregnant women in the State did patronize the Traditional Birth Attendants due to high cost of medical services in State hospitals;
- xiv. That primary education for pupils was not free in the State;
- xv. That programmes of government was not reaching the people in the rural communities especially the youth;
- xvi. That releases for activities involving youth in agriculture were poor;
- xvii. That mental health and environmental Hygiene issues were not prominent in the Budget;
- xviii. That law against Gender-based Violence was not available in the State;

## **9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 The followings were the recommendations:

- i. Renovation of properties damaged during the ENDSARS protest should be captured in the 2021 Budget;
- ii. Issues about gendered-based violence should be given the appropriate attention in the budget;
- iii. Reduction in the Cost of Governance should be considered;
- iv. NEWMAP should further its Watersheds management;
- v. Agricultural Sectors should be made to fetch more funds for government;
- vi. ONDIPA should collaborate with the Local Private Sector in the State;

- vii. The State should strengthen her relationships with Development Partners to attract fund to the State;
- viii. Though the State had been practicing all the tenets of Open Governance Partnership, the State should sign up to it;
- ix. Other MEDAs in the State should be Empowered to engage with the CSOs because all MEDAs needed the CSOs to get feedback from the citizens;
- x. Renovation of some State's properties to generate fund should be looked into;
- xi. The state should commit and release more funds for the fight against gender-based violence;
- xii. The on-going primary school teachers recruitment exercise should be fast-tracked;
- xiii. Ministry of Information in collaboration with National Orientation Agency should be engaged to further take government's programmes to the rural communities especially to the youth;
- xiv. Government should engage the youth to be more committed to Agricultural Practices;
- xv. Government should make a law against all forms of Gender-based Violence in the State;
- xvi. Government should continue to reduce the cost of governance, even though salaries of civil servants take the large chunk of personnel cost; and
- xvii. Budget for mental health and environmental hygiene should be increased.

## **10.0. CONCLUSION**

10.1. The Honourable Commissioner thanked the participants for making this year's consultative meeting worthwhile. He promised that their contributions, comments and suggestions at the meeting would be not be jettisoned but would be accorded the expected attention while making the 2021 Budget. He as well reiterated the commitment of the State Government under the leadership of ArakunrinOluwarotimiAkeredolu, SAN, to continue to hold trust for the people, service them and give them their desired expectations as the administration commences another term in office.



**Mr. Frank Oloniju**  
Chairman, Coalition Civil Society  
**0806895196**

03/11/20



**Mrs. Adedeji Margaret**  
Better Living Foundation & Capacity Devt  
**07037737691**

03/11/20



**Mrs E. Yinka Odedele**  
Executive Director,  
Gender Equality and Girl Child Devt. Foundation  
**08034716144**

03/11/2020



**Mr. S. R. Aworere**  
Director, Budget  
Ondo State MEP&B  
**08035307218**

03/11/2020



**Mr. Bunmi Alade**  
Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Economic Planning & Budget  
**08033527357**

03/11/2020

**APPENDIX I****Revenue Performance as at September, 2020**

REVENUE SOURCES	2020 Revised Budget	Cumulative Target as at September	Cumulative Actual as at September	Performance
	₦	₦	₦	(%)
Statutory Allocation	26,730,614,126.83	20,047,960,595.12	25,110,395,290.85	125.25
Share of Value Added Tax	17,879,043,585.31	13,409,282,688.98	10,589,924,581.05	78.97
Mineral Derivation Fund	10,945,781,929.54	8,209,336,447.16	9,104,225,466.50	110.9
Gain on Foreign Exchange	1,500,000,000.00	1,125,000,000.00	1,461,827,336.67	129.94
Excess Crude/Additional Fund	4,035,917,290.15	3,026,937,967.61	1,647,050,117.80	54.41
Refund on Federal Roads	8,000,000,000.00	6,000,000,000.00	0	0
Forex Account Stabilization/Excess Charges Refund	313,230,745.22	234,923,058.92	163,265,659.83	69.5
Withholding Tax Refund From FGN	1,000,000,000.00	750,000,000.00	0	0
Independent Revenue	24,244,763,854.86	18,183,572,891.15	16,621,226,686.63	91.41
Cash Reserve/Roll-Over Fund	4,081,000,000.00	3,060,750,000.00	706,000,000.00	23.07
Long Term Borrowings	30,161,391,484.60	22,621,043,613.45	29,374,672,137.88	129.86
Grants from Donor Agencies	12,707,484,078.80	9,530,613,059.10	3,197,648,021.25	33.55
Short Term Borrowings/Domestic Loan	9,838,772,904.69	7,379,079,678.52	2,500,000,000.00	33.88
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>151,438,000,000.00</b>	<b>113,578,500,000.01</b>	<b>100,476,235,298.46</b>	<b>88.46%</b>

**APPENDIX II****Expenditure Performance as at September, 2020**

EXPENDITURE DETAILS	2020 REVISED BUDGET ₦	CUMULATIVE ESTIMATE AS AT SEPTEMBER ₦	CUMULATIVE ACTUAL AS AT SEPTEMBER ₦	PERFORMANCE AS AT SEPTEMBER (%)
Personnel Cost	40,059,974,547.92	30,044,980,910.94	24,636,426,924.42	82
Overhead Cost	3,764,833,550.00	2,823,625,162.50	1,606,845,528.98	56.91
Special Programme	12,205,839,307.00	9,154,379,480.25	6,612,809,628.18	72.24
Grants And Contributions	8,340,955,000.00	6,255,716,250.00	3,629,391,891.56	58.02
Social Contributions And Social Benefits	10,650,800,000.00	7,988,100,000.00	7,443,382,482.95	93.18
Total Recurrent Expenditure	<b>75,022,402,404.92</b>	<b>56,266,801,803.69</b>	<b>43,928,856,456.09</b>	<b>78.07</b>
Debt Service	13,000,000,000.00	9,750,000,000.00	13,121,044,769.24	134.57
Total Statutory Transfer	12,060,308,663.19	9,045,231,497.40	4,168,038,440.35	46.08
Capital Expenditure		-	-	
Total Capital Expenditure	51,355,288,931.88	38,516,466,698.91	24,167,693,580.28	62.75
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>151,438,000,000.00</b>	<b>113,578,500,000.00</b>	<b>85,385,633,245.96</b>	<b>75.18</b>

APPENDIX III

Revenue Projections

<b>Item</b>	<b>Proposed 2021 Estimates</b>	<b>Proposed 2022 Estimates</b>	<b>Proposed 2023 Estimates</b>
Recurrent Revenue			
Statutory Allocation	33,413,267,658.54	39,427,655,837	46,524,633,888
Net Derivation	11,583,777,563.23	13,016,180,165	15,645,711,512
VAT	12,925,776,175.98	14,187,472,237	15,295,413,282
IGR	34,016,453,000.00	40,819,743,600	48,983,692,320
<b>Total Recurrent Revenue</b>	<b>91,939,274,397.75</b>	<b>107,451,051,839</b>	<b>126,449,451,002</b>
<b>Capital Receipts</b>			
Grants	11,072,286,400	2,772,286,400	2,872,286,400
Other Capital Receipts	16,950,000,000	14,200,000,000	8,200,000,000
<b>Total Capital Receipts</b>	<b>28,022,286,400</b>	<b>16,972,286,400</b>	<b>11,072,286,400</b>
Financing	11,114,300,000.00	7,614,300,000	8,614,300,000
<b>Total Budget Size</b>	<b>131,075,860,797.75</b>	<b>132,037,638,239</b>	<b>146,136,037,402</b>

Expenditure Projections

<b>Item</b>	<b>Proposed 2021 Estimates</b>	<b>Proposed 2022 Estimates</b>	<b>Proposed 2023 Estimates</b>
Personnel	43,999,913,105	48,327,348,558	53,256,738,111
Overheads	3,794,833,550	3,995,735,378	3,596,161,840
Social Contribution and Social Benefits	11,715,880,000	14,059,056,000	16,870,867,200
Special Programmes	12,205,839,307	15,022,291,541	16,022,291,541
Grants and Contributions	9,175,050,500	8,429,500,000	9,429,500,000
Public Debt Charge	13,632,855,035	13,383,766,564	13,041,772,631
Transfer to Local Government	2,746,258,655	3,266,710,385	3,891,252,462
Transfer to Internal Revenue Services	6,553,866,455.00	8,152,639,746.00	10,071,167,695.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,824,496,606</b>	<b>114,637,048,172</b>	<b>126,179,751,481</b>
Transfer to Capital Account	-11,885,222,208	-7,185,996,333	269,699,521
<b>Capital Receipts</b>			
Grants	11,072,286,400	2,772,286,400	2,872,286,400
Other Capital Receipts	16,950,000,000	14,200,000,000	8,200,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,022,286,400</b>	<b>16,972,286,400</b>	<b>11,072,286,400</b>
Transfer to OSOPADEC	4,633,511,025	5,206,472,066	6,258,284,605
Capital Expenditure	22,617,853,166	12,194,118,001	13,698,001,316
Discretionary Funds	10,816,966,766	1,807,531,601	2,211,414,916
Non-Discretionary Funds	11,800,886,400	10,386,586,400	11,486,586,400
Financing	11,114,300,000.00	7,614,300,000	8,614,300,000
<b>Total Budget Size</b>	<b>131,075,860,797.75</b>	<b>132,037,638,239</b>	<b>146,136,037,402</b>

## APPENDIX IV

Capital Expenditure by Sector		Total Capital Envelope	
S/N	Sector	% 2021	2021 Allocation
1	ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	1.25%	341,816,149.82
2	AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	19.85%	5,408,457,749.79
3	EDUCATION	14.31%	3,898,776,053.11
4	ENVIRONMENT AND SEWAGE MANAGEMENT	11.28%	3,073,299,238.62
5	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	4.59%	1,251,523,054.88
6	HEALTH	4.71%	1,283,611,842.81
7	INFORMATION	0.79%	214,175,941.98
8	INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT	12.35%	3,364,520,604.04
9	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION	1.08%	293,139,799.37
10	PUBLIC FINANCE	8.11%	2,208,885,563.56
11	REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	17.00%	4,633,511,025.29
12	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	2.14%	584,116,205.39
13	TRADE AND INDUSTRY	2.55%	695,530,963.08
	<b>Total</b>	100.00%	27,251,364,191.76

PROPOSED SECTORAL ALLOCATION OF 2021 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE