

**MINUTES OF 2021-2023 DRAFT BUDGET VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd OCTOBER 2020 AT
GOVERNMENT HOUSE CHAMBER KADUNA**

S/NO	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0	<p>OPENING</p> <p>The meeting commenced at about 10:00am with rendition of the National Anthem followed closely with individuals opening prayer.</p> <p>OPENING REMARKS</p> <p>In his remarks, the Special Adviser (SA) to the Governor on Political Matters, Honorable Ben Kure, informed participants that in line with the principles of Open Government Partnership, the town hall meeting was aimed at giving Citizens the opportunity to make contributions by way of comments, observations and inputs into the 2021-2023 draft Budget.</p> <p>He assured participants that this administration has a strong commitment for Open Governance which is aimed at strengthening accountability and transparency in all its processes and ensuring improved service delivery. He prayed for a smooth deliberation on the 2021 Draft Budget and encouraged participants for an equal playing ground. He assured them that their views would be kindly considered in the Budget process. This would allow desired projects that will improve their socio-economic status of the residents of Kaduna State.</p> <p>He concluded by wishing everyone happy and delightful deliberations.</p>	
2.0	THE 2021-2023 BUDGET PRESENTATION	
2.1	<p>Opening</p> <p>Key highlights of the 2021-2023 Budget were presented by the Commissioner, Planning and Budget Commission as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. That Kaduna State was the first Sub-National Government to subscribe to Open Government Partnership (OGP), where its cardinal principles are to continually oblige to transparency, accountability and increasing the involvement of citizens in Government activities. II. That the crash in global oil prices since January, 2020 coupled with the emergence of the novel COVID-19 pandemic, has ravaged the entire global economy into jeopardy. 	

- III. Kaduna State did not relent in its effort to meet the yearnings and aspirations of Citizens by way of boosting the State economic base and improve the macroeconomic outlook.
- IV. 2021 Recurrent Revenue Projection - **N112,017,357,075.24**
- V. 2021 Capital Receipts - **N125,511,880,735.59**
- VI. 2021 Recurrent Expenditure Estimates - **N79,960,355,416.92**
- VII. 2021 Capital Expenditure Estimates - **N157,568,882,393.91**

2.2 SECTORAL CAPITAL ALLOCATION

2.2.1 Economic Sector: N62,137,643,511.21

Breakdown for Sub-Sectors as follows: -

- I. Agriculture: **N10,369,514,508.52**
- II. Business Innovation and Technology: **N5,634,818,359.60**
- III. Housing and Urban Development: **N8,691,662,830.30**
- IV. Public Works and Infrastructure: **N37,441,647,812.79**

2.2.2 Social Sector: N62,209,148,393.87

Breakdown for Sub-Sectors as follows: -

- I. Education: **N38,197,568,987.70**
- II. Health: **N22,606,083,687.85**
- III. Social Development: **N1,405,495,718.32**

2.2.3 Regional Sector: N5,420,723,132.75

Breakdown for Sub-Sectors as follows: -

- I. Environment and Natural Resources: **N2,758,269,926.80**
- II. Water: **N2,662,453,205.94**

2.2.4 General Administration Sector: N27,801,367,356.08

Breakdown for Sub-Sectors as follows: -

- I. Executive: **N19,028,185,666.24**
- II. Governance: **N5,492,554,939.02**
- III. Law and Justice: **N802,968,244.66**
- IV. Legislature: **N2,477,658,506.16**

3.0 INTERACTIVE SESSION

3.1 OBSERVATIONS/QUESTIONS

Participants were given time to ask questions, seek for clarity and offer recommendations pertaining to the presentation made by the Commissioner. They were to as well put up their concerns relating to the preparation and implementation of the Budget.

The questions asked are as follows:

- I. **Abdulganiyu Nurudeen:**
Expressed desire that the Governor lifts suspension on Kaduna State Public Service Recruitment, adding that he is eager to be part of the team that would make "Kaduna Great Again".
- II. **Mallam Jumare:**
Requested that Health sector budget allocation be reviewed upward because of its importance to the lives of Citizens.
- III. **Emmanuel Bonnet (Representing the CSOs):**
Observed that Agricultural and Youth sectors are not properly funded in the Budget and recommended that Government should prioritize these sectors.
- IV. **Joshua James (Representing the Media):**
Made emphasis on the need to prioritize Nutrition and encourage Monitoring and Evaluation for Educational Infrastructure.
- V. **Kuliat from Chikun Local Government:**
Requested that security of lives and property across the State is an aspect that should be highly prioritized because economic development can only be achieved when there is peace and tranquility.
- VI. **From Jema'a Local Government:**
A participant observed that the 2021 Budget did not capture City renewal projects such as Road development, Electricity development, Hospitals and Renovation of abandoned projects in the Local Government Areas.
- VII. **Kamal Kabir:**
Demanded for more clarification towards ensuring Women and Youth engagement in Governance as well as adequate provision in the 2021 Budget towards addressing their needs.
- VIII. **Namse Udosen:**
Expressed concern over provision not made to cater for School plants/trees maintenance. He advised that as the State engages in Urban renewal for Roads and Markets. Suggested that schools need to be considered in the Urban renewal program too.
The participant also stated that the Maigero to Narayi Road is in a terrible state hence needs a serious and prompt Government

intervention/attention. He stressed that it is an important gateway linking the eastern sector to Barnawa.

- IX. **Auwal Aliyu Barau:**
Expressed concern that the Security of lives and property of our dear Citizens in Birnin Gwari is increasingly deteriorating with little effort from military personnel on ground, despite the huge resources invested in the process.
- X. **Mannir Hassan:**
Complained that despite having 23 Local Governments in the State, the administration focuses only on the development of three major cities, i.e. Kaduna, Kafanchan and Zaria. He demanded to know the rationale, arguing that the other neglected LGAs also contributed a lot of votes during the election of the present administration. He therefore called on the Government to ensure a better and equitable Infrastructural development across all LGAs.
- XI. **Yusuf Goje:**
Expressed that the Community Development Charter is the most structured and credible process of generating individual Communities prioritized needs. It is equally an important key performance indicator in the State Action Plan (2018 -2020) of the Open Government Partnership. He cried that the CSOs and Planning and Budget Commission failed in two occasions to get the communities informed of the Budget. Then asked what guarantee is the government giving to Communities that the 2021 budget will be informed according to the CDC. Considered that it has the potential to improve the State's performance score on "Commitment to Open Budget" under OGP.
- XII. **Abdul-hadi Jamilu:**
Wanted to know why Government is abandoning Rural Areas?
- XIII. **Mannir Hassan:**
Wanted to know why the State Scholarship Scheme is not included in the Education Sector. Suggested that there should be an interpreter for the hearing impaired.

RESPONSES:

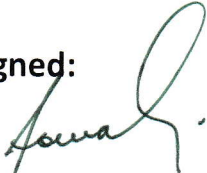
In response to the questions and observations raised by participants, the relevant Heads of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) responded as thus:

- I. The Special Adviser to the Governor on Political Matters responded by saying that all hands are being put on deck to ensure that Recruitment will continue as soon as the economic position of the State improves. Furthermore, the second phase of the Recruitment is ongoing, above 1,800 Staff are to be recruited.
- II. The Commissioner, Health commented that the Ministry will make it a point of duty to generate revenue and not depend on the State Budget only.
- III. The Commissioner, Planning and Budget Commission promised to take note of the observations raised on the two sectors (Agricultural Sector and Youth Empowerment) and do the needful. He further stated that N200,000,000.00 has been captured in the Budget for Nutrition in various MDAs' Budget.
- IV. The Permanent Secretary, Planning and Budget Commission responded that adequate provision has been made to address the current Security challenges in the Internal Security Budget. On the Urban Renewal Projects in Jema'a Local Government, the participant was informed that this has been captured in the Budget and assured him that the Project will commence in the coming week.
- V. The Commissioner, Education responded that adequate provision has been made for Scholarship Scheme is not included in the Ministry of Education Budget.
- VI. The Commissioner, Human Services and Social Development responded on Women and Youth engagement in Governance stating that much has been provided for through Kaduna State Industrialization and Micro-Credit Management Board with a budgetary provision for Empowerment of Youth in the 2021 Budget towards addressing their needs.

In conclusion, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Political Matters assured all participants that all other questions and observations raised and were not attended to immediately would be considered and reflected in the 2021 Budget where appropriate.

5.0	<p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>In her closing remarks, Dr. Hadiza Balarabe, Deputy Governor Kaduna State expressed appreciation for the cooperation and contributions of all Stakeholders which resulted in the success of the town hall meeting. She reiterated the commitment of the present administration towards providing improved service delivery for the betterment of Citizens. The meeting was declared closed by Honorable Ben Kure at about 12 noon.</p>	
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Co – Chair, Government

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Co – Chair, Civil Society Organization