### REPORT ON BAUCHI STATE 2020 REVISED COVID-19 RESPONSIVE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING JULY, 2020.

#### Introduction:

The socio-economic effects of Covid-19 Pandemic since January, 2020 on the Global Economy, Health, Education, Aviation, Agriculture and other sectors cannot be over-emphasized. More particularly the results of the general lockdowns across the World, Nigeria and its States. So also the Covid's effects on production and price of Oil which is being produce below the cost price \$30 per barrel. And because of the monocultural nature of the country's economy, oil revenue has therefore generally affected the FAAC allocation whereby pushing the State's allocation to slides negatively. Not only oil but all other sources as well as the economic activities were generally affected. This and the general motive of achieving a realistic Budget necessitated the Federal Government to review its 2020 budget in order to address the most critical areas of health and socioeconomic well-being of the people to respond to the Covid pandemic and its effects. Not only the budget but the Federal Government of Nigeria came up with "National Economic Sustainability Plan for the purpose of addressing the Covid-19 in the above stated areas. It is against this background that it became necessary for states to review their 2020 budgets based on the prevailing situations and to also make proper and necessary foreast that will address the Covid Pandemic and its effects on the lives of the citizenry. Bauchi State in its efforts to respond to the effects of Covid-19, consider the necessity for the review of the 2020 Budget from its current approved size of N167b and not only that but also reviewing the Budget to be a Covid-19 responsive more particularly in the areas of Health with much emphasis on Primary Health Care Issues such as preventing the spread, managing the disease and treating the victims, Education, Agriculture and other social aspects.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING (BPH). To achieve realistic and implementable budgets which address the needs of the people, Government decided to conduct public hearings. The objectives of the Public Hearing on the Covid-19 are as below;

- ✓ To acquaint the stakeholders on the Covid-19 and its devastating effects on the State Economy.
- ✓ To review the Agenda and Priority areas of the present Administration with the view of coming-up with Covid-19 responsive projects and programs.
- ✓ To generate inputs from the relevant stakeholders for incorporation into the revised Covid-19 responsive budget.
- ✓ To create awareness on the direction of the present Government which is now geared towards sensitizing the State populace on the reality of Covid-19 and on the need to take precautionary measures, purchase of items for treatment and management of Covid-19 patients.
- ✓ To create ownership on Government projects and programs as well as ensure sustainability.
- ✓ To create a conversation platform between the people and their Government

### 3. FLASHBACK ON QUALITIES OF A GOOD AND REALISTIC BUDGET

- It is Participatory
- > All inclusive
- > Gender sensitive
- > SMART; Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time bound
- > It is demand driven
- > It allows Third Party Monitoring

## 4. AGENDA AND PRIORITIES OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT UPON WHICH THE 2020 STATE BUDGET WAS PREPARED AND APPROVED

- Health
- Education
- Agriculture
- · Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Infrastructure through road construction, rehabilitation and maintenance
- Women and Youth empowerments
- Poverty reduction

#### 5. WHY THE BUDGET REVIEW

The ravaging of not only the Bauchi State Economy but the entire global economy, which negatively affects the State's revenue profile.

The socio- economic effects of Covid-19 Pandemic in the areas of:

- Additional Health issues and challenges such as the provision of testing centers, isolation centers, treatment of the infected/positively tested peoples
- Effects as a result of lockdowns particularly the stagnation of almost all economic activities.
- Vulnerabilities as a result of lockdowns
- Low productive capacities in the economy
- Distraction on essential expenditures
- Distractions in supply chain

#### 6. EFFECTS ON SOURCES OF REVENUE

- Aid and Grants
- Capital Receipts
- Internal and external loans
- Effects on Gross Domestic Products.

These effects necessitated the general review of the 2020 Budget from N167, 215,807,500 to respond to the Covid-19 in the most affected areas of health, education, enforcement measures, and agriculture and food security.

#### 7. METHODOLOGY:

The Public Hearing was conducted in the 3 Senatorial Districts where only critical stakeholders were invited due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

BAUCHI NORTH SENETORIAL DISTRIC Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2020.

#### THE SESSION.

The session started with an opening prayer by a participant at 11:00am at Aminu Saleh College of Education Azare. The Bauchi North comprises Katagum, Zaki, Giade, Shira, Jama'are, Itas Gadau and Gamawa Local Governments from which

the Budget stakeholders at LGAs i.e the LGA caretaker committee chairmen, Directors of Budget and Economic Planning, Directors of Finance and representatives of 4 active Civil Society Organizations and Business Committees attends in each Local Government. The Bauchi Central Senatorial District comprises Misau, Ningi, Dambam, Darazo, Warji and Ganjuwa LGAs conducted at Chartwell Hotel Misau on 2/7/2020 while the Bauchi South comprises Bauchi, Toro, Dass, Bogoro, Tafawa Balewa, Alkaleri and Kirfi LGAs was conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 at Zaranda Hotel Bauchi.

#### b. WELCOME REMARKS

The welcome remark was delivered by the representative of the Honorable Commissioner of the State Planning Commission who is also the Permanent Commission. He welcomed all the Secretary State Planning stakeholders/participants to this important occasion on the Revised 2020 Covid Responsive Budget. He explained that although the 2020 budget was approved but it is necessary to revise the budget due to the current pandemic of Covid-19 and its effects on the socio-economic life of the people. The Covid-19 seriously affected the global economy in all areas which affected the Nigerian economy that also is affecting the Nigerian States through FAAC allocation, VAT and other sectors. Not only that but also the effect of the general lockdown on the forces of our demand and supply as well as the macro and micro economic factors. The budget must therefore focus on cutting the less important activities and funding the most needed activities in the areas of Health such as the (Isolation Centers, Sample Testing Centers, Drugs and Consumables, Personal Protective Equipments), Primary Health Care (Maternal and Child Health), Agriculture, Youth and Women empowerments and provision of infrastructure through rehabilitation and reconstruction of roads. He finally called the attention of the participants to listen to the presentation that will be made and give the required inputs for integration in to the budget.

#### c. THE PRESENTATION

A very elaborate presentation of the 2020 Revised Covid-19 Responsive Budget was made by the Director Budget State Planning Commission whereby the Government's emphasis was on the areas of:

- a. Health/Primary Health Care in the provision and establishment of Isolation Centers in the 3 geo-political zones, Testing Centers, provision of Personal Protective Equipments, Drugs and Medications, Palliatives, Disinfectants, Maternal and Child health, immunizations etc.
- Replacement of Achaba with Keke Napep for the control of social distancing in the day to township transport system in the State.
- c. Agriculture through the provision of fertilizer subsidy, commercial tractors and other farming inputs to boost the farming system and food security in the State.
- d. Youth and Women empowerments for poverty reduction.

#### d. OBSERVATIONS/INPUTS

The presentations in the 3 Senatorial Districts were the same as it is all about the 2020 Budget review to responds to Covid-19 and its effects on the life of the people which was done from 1st to 3rd July, 2020 in Azare, Misau and Bauchi. After the presentation by the Director Budget, State Planning Commission, the Permanent Secretary State Planning Commission who is also the representative of the Honorable Commissioner State Planning Commission elaborated that the Proposed Reviewed 2020 Covid-19 Budget was to respond to the covid effects and not in any way affecting the other areas of importance such as the salary of the civil servants in the state and then opened room for inputs from the participants;

#### e. INPUTS

The responses/ inputs from the Bauchi North, Central and South Senatorial Districts were merged and from the Civil Society Organisations, Youth and Women Groups, Planning officers from the Local Governments, Faith Based Organisations etc as below:

- ✓ Complains about reduction in the economic activities in the state through local markets which further affecting the revenues in the state.
- ✓ Complains on the urgent need to establish isolation centers especially in the covid more affected local governments across the 3 Senatorial Districts.
- ✓ Purchase of disinfectants and sprays in the Public Centers throughout the State (Religious/worship places, markets etc)

- ✓ Testing centers
- ✓ Reviewing of the local government budget to also address the Covid Pandemic
- ✓ Urgent need for palliatives
- ✓ Effects of the lockdown and how to reduce it
- ✓ Social Safety Net inclusion, such as some empowerment programs
- ✓ General and urgent need of Personal Protective Equipments such as face mask, hand sanitizers, and kids for health personals
- ✓ Provision of enough keke Napep to replaced Achaba
- ✓ Routine immunization
- ✓ Enhancement of Small Scale Businesses in the State
- ✓ Construction of more classrooms in the Primary and Secondary Schools to address the social distancing and other Covid-19 protocols.
- ✓ Establishment of a Health Emergency Response Centre
- ✓ Strengthening of collaboration between the State Planning Commission and the Local Government Planning Department
- ✓ Need for quick and emergency response on the general wellbeing of the people as they were seriously affected by the effects of the Covid-19 lockdown.
- ✓ Need for improvement in the general budget implementation and performance in the State.
- ✓ Erosion control form farming purposes i.e Ilallah and Situa erosion that is affecting the farming system in Zaki LGA.

#### f. RESPONSE BY STATE PLANNING COMMISSION

In his respond to the above complains/inputs, the representative of the Honorable Commissioner who is also the Permanent Secretary State Planning Commission thanked the participants for listening to the presentation as well as bringing these inputs. He then promised to include all the inputs in the Covid-19 responsive budget before taking it the Executive. He stressed that it in the State's efforts to create an ownership for the citizen and to have an inclusive budget that the "Budget Public Hearing" was purposed organized and conducted to cover the 3 Senatorial Districts in the state.

#### 8. CLOSING REMAKS BY THE HON, COMMISSIONER SPC

The representative of the Hon. Commissioner State Planning Commission who is also the Permanent Secretary State Planning Commission appreciated the participants for cooperating and supporting the government in coming up with more inclusive and more participatory budget items in the state during the Public Hearing in Azare and Misau while the Honorable Commissioner was able to attend and gave his remarks in Bauchi South Senatorial District by himself.

#### 9. CONCLUSION

In conclusion the effects of Covid-19 on Health and other Socio-Economic sectors on the economy necessitated the general review of Bauchi State 2020 Budget Covid-19 Responsive Budget to effectively and efficiently respond to the most concern areas of Health, Agriculture, Education and Women and Youth Empowerment in the state and hence adopting a participatory approach through Public Hearing/Consultation which derived inputs and recommendations from the general public through representatives of CSOs, NGOs, FBOs, and other relevant key stakeholders in these areas:

- 1. Urgent need for palliatives
- Health Emergency Response which include Testing and Isolation centers, Personal Protective Equipments (Face mask and hand sanitizers), Disinfectants and sprays in the Public Centers throughout the State (Religious/worship places, markets etc)
- Provision of enough and equitable distribution of Keke NAPEP to cusion the effect of the absence of commercial motorcycle riders. (Achaba).
- Expansion of Cash Transfer Programs and Grants to Poor and Vulnerable families.
- Provision of capital to small and medium enterprises as well as soft loans.

## BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REVISED AMENDED COVID-19 RESPONSIVE 2020 BUDGT FOR THE BAUCHI CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT HELD AT CHARTWELL HOTEL, MISAU ON THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2020.

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