

**REPORT ON BUDGET  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE  
2024 BUDGET IN THE  
3 SENATORIAL DISTRICTS  
OF BAUCHI STATE.  
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**1.0 INTRODUCTION:** The Budget Public Hearing (BPH) is considered to be an opportunity for the stakeholders at all levels: Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Faith Based Organizations (FBOs), Traditional Institution and indeed the entire citizens of the State to make their contributions into the State Budget. Budget Public Hearing as a component of the Multi-Year Budgeting framework (MTEF) is also another way of ensuring bottom-top approach to government's initiatives through involving a significant number of the State populace becoming not only aware of the Government Policies and Programmes but their full involvement in initiation/conception of government developmental projects through citizen's inputs which is making the Budget an all-inclusive and participatory, with wider acceptance, feeling of ownership and support as well as holding government and technocrats accountable to the citizens.

**2.0 OBJECTIVES:** The Director Planning and Programmes of the Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning highlighted the objectives of organizing the Budget Public Hearing as part of the citizens' engagement and participation in Budgeting process. The key objectives are as follows;

- To get the input of people at the grassroots before the formulation and consolidation of the Budget as it is going to be demand-driven.
- To allow for wider participation and all-inclusiveness of citizens.
- To create a sense of ownership and sustainability
- It also provides a platform between the Government and the Governed
- To provides a mechanism for feedback
- To provides an avenue for monitoring and evaluation of Government projects/programs.

### **3.0 CONDUCT OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING IN NORTHERN SENATORIAL DISTRICT HELD ON 05/09/2023 AT AMINU SALEH COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AZARE.**

The Budget Public Hearing (BPH) was conducted in the Northern Senatorial District comprising 7 Local Government Areas namely: Katagum, Zaki, Gamawa, Itas-Gadau, Jama'are, Shira and Giade at the Conference Hall, College of Education, Azare with over 150 participants which include; Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Community Based Organization (CBOs), Faith Based Organizations (FBOs), Traditional Institution, People with Special Needs, etc.

**3.1 GOOD WILL MESSAGES:** Good will messages were delivered by some relevant stakeholders after an opening prayer at 11:00am amongst ;

**3.1.0 Ministry for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs:** The Hon. Commissioner of the Ministry was represented by the Director Planning Research & Statistics (DPRS) who assured the organizers of Ministry's support and cooperation throughout the budget process and also pledged to organize a similar one in the Local Government Budgeting System in the state which will open more chances of citizen participation in governance at the grass root level.

**3.1.1. Katagum LGA:** The Katagum Local Government Council assured its commitment and support in the actualization of good governance through opening a window for citizen involvement and participation in its activities particularly the budget process.

**3.1.2 Faith Based Organization:** The Religious Leaders (Imams and Pastors) also welcomed the Bauchi State Government's idea of enhancing Budget Public Hearing, and pledged to enlighten their followers on supporting government initiatives through participation.

**3.1.3 State2State:** A representative of State2State (USAID) Governance/System Strengthening Project operating in the State mentioned that, S2S is always

supportive of the Government more especially and particularly on the enhancement of citizen engagement in budgeting process and procedures. He assured the gathering of their active commitment for the overall aim of good governance that will actualize transparency and accountability in the State.

**3.1.4 Traditional Institution:** This institution is playing a vital role in the peaceful co-existence and developmental initiatives and sustainability. The District Head of Shira who represented the Emir of Katagum pledged that they will add more efforts in discharging their duties of re-orienting the general public towards supporting Government functions and initiatives.

### **3.1.5 Open Government Partnership (OGP)**

A Senior Director in the Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning (Director Planning & Programmes) mentioned that, the State Governor launched the Open Government Partnership (OGP) which provides as an opportunity for the citizens to participate in the governance process in the state. The OGP has strengthened the Public Hearing by giving citizens an opportunity to make inputs into the Budget. He also highlighted that, the Bauchi State Development Plan is being implemented through the annual budget.

## **4.0 Introduction of the Community Charter of Demand (CCD) by STATE2STATE:**

The State2State project as a partner in the area of Public Financial Management in the State particularly in the area of budget management introduced a robust means of channeling communities demand to the relevant Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs). A template called Community Charter of Demand which contains a space for locality, projects and other identification was shared to participants. The essence was to give different localities and citizens time to reach a consensus on their selected/prioritized projects for submission to the relevant MDAs/LGA for consideration and integration into the proposed Budget.

#### **4.1 TECHNICAL SESSIONS.**

The 2024 Budget presentation (Power Point) was made by the Director Budget, Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning which centered on the Budget cycle, proposed 2024 Government priorities, Macro economic framework and review of 2023 Budget Performance with emphasis on Capital Projects (completed & ongoing). The Director also provided details on the basis of which the budget is developed i.e Macroeconomic Framework such as the Inflationary trends, Exchange rate (Dollar/Naira), Crude oil production benchmark and crude oil price per barrel. According to him the budget is derived from a well-articulated Medium Term Expenditure Framework which includes the full detail and current analysis of the said macroeconomic framework and its historical background of at least 3 years. The Director's presentation came after an opening remark by the Honorable Commissioner, Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning who was represented by the Permanent Secretary (Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning). The presenter also highlighted some completed and ongoing capital projects contained in the 2023 budget such as the Construction, Renovation and Rehabilitation of Roads, Primary and Secondary Health Facilities to serve as a reference for the participants especially for some of them that were able to attend the 2023 Budget Public Hearing conducted in 2022.

**4.2 2024 BUDGET FOCUS:** The Director Budget in his presentation also pointed out the main focus of the 2024 Government priorities as follows:

- ✓ Education
- ✓ Health
- ✓ Agriculture
- ✓ Youth and Women Empowerment
- ✓ Job Creation and Community Development
- ✓ Poverty Reduction through establishment of small scale industries

- ✓ Infrastructure
- ✓ Water Sanitation and Hygiene

### **4.3 INPUTS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS.**

After the presentation, opportunity was given to the general public/ participants to make comments, questions and contributions. Many people from different areas of the Senatorial Districts responded by making request for inclusion of their most priority needs into the 2024 budget which are as follows;

- CSOs called for timely releases of funds for budget implementation in the State
- Azare modern market road network in Katagum LGA
- Distribution of the completed housing estates across the state.
- Construction of feeder roads in for transportation of agricultural products across the 7 LGAs.
- Establishment of Budget Public Hearing at the Local Government level in the State
- Intensification of revenue management in the State using modern technology.
- Agricultural prioritization in the State
- Establishment of food bank in the state/ state farmers marketing board in the State
- Establishment of modern cattle ranch across the 7 LGAs
- Construction of Chinade-Gambaki-Gangai road in Katagum LGA
- Construction of Giade-zindiri-Abunari –garmawa-faguji road in Giade LGA
- Expansion of housing estate in other LGAs of the State.
- Rehabilitation of Jamaare - Adamami road in Jamaare and Shira LGAs
- Jamaare erosion control
- Rehabilitation of Primary Schools across the 7 LGAs
- Construction of Zubo - Beli road in Shira LGA
- Provision of Christian cemetery in Azare, Katagum LGA

- Construction of Federal lowcost road in Azare, Katagum LGA
- Zibo-Bukul-Bangire road in shira LGA
- Magarya-Bilkicheri –Abdallawa road in Itas-Gadua LGA
- Kukawa-Madifa-Murmur-Balangu Road in Zaki LGA
- Katagum-Bagam-Lodiyo-Bursali Road in Zaki LGA (leading to Yobe State)
- Ragwam-Magwanshi-Gwasamai Road in Katagum LGA
- Dredging of smaller Dams for irrigation system in Itas - Gadua LGA
- Establishment of Silos and Preservative Centers across the State
- Zibo- Gwaram road in Shira LGA
- Enhancement of fish farming across the 7 LGAs
- Forestation/Desertification/Tree Planting Campaign across the 7 LGAs
- Zigau road, Shira LGA
- Gadua-Katsinawa road in Itas Gadua LGA
- Kashuri-Madara road in Katagum LGA
- Establishment of small Scale industries across the 7 LGAs
- Gadiya road in Gamawa LGA
- Sakwa-Gumai-Kafin Larabawa road Zaki LGA
- Itas-Atafowa-Zibki-Magarya road in Itas Gadua LGA
- Gadua-Gadiya-Udubo-Gamawa road Itas Gadua LGA

#### **4.3.1 INPUTS FROM PEOPLE LIVING WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

- Requesting for full inclusion in all aspects of Governance in the State
- Re-activation of the special school in Azare
- Rehabilitation of skills acquisition centers in the State
- Provision of scholarship
- Free health and education
- Provision of empowerment programs

**5.0 CLOSING:** Before the closing prayers at 3:30pm in the absence of any comment from the participants, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning who represented the Hon. Commissioner, mentioned that, the Budget Public Hearing Report will be forwarded to the Government for consideration.

## **6.0 CONDUCT OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING IN THE CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT HELD ON 06/09/2023 AT CHARTWELL HOTEL AND SUITES MISAU, MISAU LGA.**

Budget Public Hearing was conducted in this Senatorial District at Chartwell Hotel, Misau. It comprised of Misau, Dambam, Ningi, warji, Darazo and Ganjuwa Local Government Areas.

### **6.0.1 TECHNICAL SESSION.**

The Director Budget made a similar presentation as that of the Bauchi North Senatorial Districts since the budget is one and under same background which was done after the opening remarks by the representative of the Honorable Commissioner who is also the Permanent Secretary. The presentation came after some good will messages by the key stakeholders as that of the Bauchi North Senatorial District. After the presentation, adequate time was given to the participants to ask questions, comments, observations and contributions which came as inputs/ requests from participants were made as below;

### **7.0 INPUTS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS**

- Improvement of Agriculture through empowerment of Farmers
- Rehabilitation of dams for irrigation farming.
- Rehabilitation center for PWDs at Misau LGA
- Provision of Scholarship in the State
- Provision of Employment opportunities in the State
- Recruitment of teachers at primary and secondary schools in the state.
- Re-activation of small scale industries in the state.
- Construction of Tauya road in Darazo LGA



- Rehabilitation of Darazo west Dam in Darazo LGA
- Construction of Papa road in Darazo LGA
- Construction of Gurbana road in Dambam LGA
- Construction of Yanda road road in Dambam LGA
- Establishment of Community Radio Station in Dambam LGA
- Dualization of roads in Ningi, Ningi LGA
- Construction of a bypass (Gadar maiwa) in Ningi LGA
- Rehabilitation of Ningi-Burra road in Ningi.
- Construction of Township drainages in Ningi LGA
- Construction of Burra-Fuskar-Mata road in Ningi LGA
- Provision of Portable drinking water in Ningi LGA
- Enhancement of dry season farming in the State.
- Rehabilitation of Moques and Churches in the State
- Establishment of Higher Institution in Warji LGA
- Soro - Ganjuwa road in Ganjuwa LGA
- Warji - Ningi road in Ningi and Warji LGAs
- Establishment of Micro Finance Bank in Warji LGA
- Establishment of Community Radio Station in Warji LGA
- Provision of Micro credit to women for farming and business in the state
- Full involvement of CSOs in governance in the state
- Prioritization of Government projects in the state
- Construction of Kariya - Miya road in Ganjuwa LGA
- Recruitment of more health workers in the state
- Adequate budgetary provision for Maternal and Child Health in the state
- Awareness campaign for family planning methods in the state
- Adequate and timely releases of funds for MNCH+N in the state.
- Provision of accessibility to people with special needs at Public Buildings.

**8.0 CLOSING:** Before the closing prayers at 2;45pm in the absence of any comment from the participants, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning who represented the Hon. Commissioner mentioned that the Budget Public Hearing Report will be forwarded to the Government for consideration.

## **9.0 CONDUCT OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING IN BAUCHI SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT HELD ON 07/09/2023 AT ZARANDA HOTEL, BAUCHI.**

The BPH was conducted in Bauchi South Senatorial District at Zaranda Hotel Bauchi. The event started at 11:00am after an opening prayer. It comprised of Alkaleri, Bauchi, Bogoro, Dass, Kirfi, Tafawa Balewa and Toro Local Government Areas which was attended by over 200 stakeholders.

### **9.0.1 TECHNICAL SESSION.**

Here also, power point presentation on some completed projects in the 2023 budget was made by the Director Budget after the opening remarks by the Honorable Commissioner, Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning who was represented by the Permanent Secretary; it is mainly on the capital projects as that of other places. After the presentation time was given to the participants to ask questions, comments, observations and contributions and requests from participants were made as below;

## **10.0 INPUTS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS**

- Increase in the percentage of government involvement of women participation in Government projects and programmes in the State.
- Improvement in agricultural production in the State.
- Grass root level awareness creation in the State.
- Intensification of Internally Generated Revenues in the State.
- Strengthening of inter-ministerial relation on budgetary process in the State
- Appreciation on Open Government Partnership in the State.
- Extension of Open Government Partnership (OGP) to LGAs.

- Fairness in distribution of Projects in the State.
- Construction of Gambar-lere road in Tafawa Balewa LGA
- Enhancement of government-citizen engagement in the State
- Diversification of the State economy.
- Peace building initiatives in the State
- Full utilization of BACHMA
- Improvement in ICT system in the State
- Strengthening of collaboration between Government, WDCs, CSOs, FBOs, NGOs etc in the State.
- Provision of Road network in satellite towns of Bauchi metropolis in Bauchi LGA
- Provision of Yelwan - Tudu road network in Bauchi LGA
- Full inclusion of PWDs in governance through reforms on their Agency in the state
- Adequate allocation to family planning issues in the State budget.
- Introduction of taxes on some Natural Resources in the State
- Construction of Dams for irrigation activities in the state
- Completion of ongoing projects in the state
- Reduction of overhead in governance in the State
- Establishment of Primary School, Hospital, Health Centers, and other infrastructures at Oil Producing Area in Alkaleri LGA
- Construction of Alkaleri-Futuk Road in Alkaleri LGA
- Construction/Renovation/Rehabilitation of Veterinaries across the State
- Construction of Bangin-Burumbu road Alkaleri LGA
- Rehabilitation of Burumbo Primary School Alkaleri LGA
- Construction of Kamfanin Kutare Guyaba road Darazo, Ganjuwa and Kirfi LGAs
- Construction of Yankwano Kirfi road in Kirfi LGA
- Construction of Cheledi Gombe Abba road Kirfi LGA

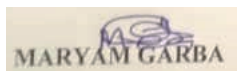
- WASH program at Motor parks and slaughter houses in the State
- Establishment of farm centers in the State
- Alkaleri water project Alkaleri LGA
- Reviving/ establishment of farm training centers in the State
- Rehabilitation of Duguri road in Alkaleri LGA
- Need to improve the Security situation in the state
- Rehabilitation of Gwaskoram road in Bauchi LGA
- Construction of Unguwar Zagi-Jama'a-Nabardo in Torro LGA
- Renovation/establishment of butcher houses in Dass and Bogoro LGAs
- Strengthening of mining/processing in Toro, Tafawa Balewa and Bogoro LGAs

### **10.1 HONOURABLE COMMISSIONERS'S COMMENTS;**

The Honorable Commissioner, Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning who was represented by the Permanent Secretary thanked all the participants for their active participation and involvement throughout the process and asked the Secretariat to ensure that all the requests/inputs at the 3 Senatorial Districts made by the participants are included into the 2024 budget Public hearing report and further promised to deliver their requests to the Government for considerations.



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