

**THE REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE PEOPLE OF ONDO EAST, ONDO WEST, ILE-OLUJI/OKEIGBO AND  
ODIGBO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS, ON 2025 -2027 MEDUIM TERM  
EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTEF) AND 2025 BUDGET PREPARATION HELD  
AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF ONDO WEST SECRETARIAT, ONDO ON  
TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 2024.**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Section 22, Subsection 2 (a) and (b) of the Ondo State Fiscal Responsibility Law (FRL), (2017) stipulates that public consultation be made with the citizens and their representatives, with a view to harvesting their inputs into the State’s MTEF leading to the yearly budget; a parley with the representatives of the Ondo East, Ondo West, Ile-Oluji/Okeigbo and Odigbo Local Government Areas on the 2025-2027 MTEF and 2025 budget preparation was held at the Conference Hall of Ondo West Local Secretariat, Ondo on Tuesday, 19th November, 2024. The Administrative Secretary of the Budget Office, Mr. S. R. Aworere presided over the meeting in place of the Honourable Commissioner who was on another State assignment.

**2.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEEETING**

2.1 The main objectives of the meeting were as follows:

- i. to present the 2025 – 2027 MTEF which included the projections for 2025 budget;
- ii. to harvest inputs of the people of Ondo East, Ondo West, Ile-Oluji/Okeigbo and Odigbo Local Government Areas through their representatives in order to include them in the 2025 budget.

**3.0 PARTICIPANTS**

3.1 The meeting had in attendance the Administrative Secretary, Ondo State Budget Office Mr. Aworere Stephen; Director Development Planning, Mr. M. O. Adebusoye, Director Monitoring and Evaluation, Alhaji L. A. Adekunle, Director Budget Development and Control, Mr. Ikuejamofa A.; Director Fiscal Policy and Macroeconomics, Mr. J. O. Omowaye; Director Budget Monitoring & Appraisal, Mr.

Ogunlela Femi; Director eBudget and ICT, Pastor Emmanuel Abiodun; Director of Accounts, and Mrs. Fakankun M.T. and a host of other members of staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget.

- 3.2 Also, present at the meeting were the Chairmen of the Ondo East, Ondo West, Ile-Oluji/Okeigbo and Odigbo Local Government Areas, the HOLGAs of the LGAs, some of the traditional rulers in the zone, representatives of Iyalajes and Iyalojas in the zone, Artisans, CSOs, CBOs and Professional Bodies.

#### **4.0 OPENING REMARKS**

- 4.1. The Director, Monitoring & Evaluation, Alhaji L. A. Adekunle who represented the Administrative Secretary of Ondo State Ministry of Economic Planning and Coordinating Office, Mr. B. J. Daisi, welcomed the participants to the consultative meeting. He remarked that the annual consultative meeting with the people of Ondo State has become the traditional way to commence the Budget preparation of the State. He asserted that the desires and yearnings of Ondo, Ile-Oluji/Okeigbo and Odigbo People in the State were being sought for enlistment into the State Budget for the fiscal year 2025.
- 4.2. He further stated that the State had been using a radical, bottom-up approach to budgeting process and that the engagement was necessary to foster relationship between the Government and the people and for the people to take ownership of the process.
- 4.3. Still enumerating the importance of the meeting, Alhaji Adekunle stated that the meetings was to help in positioning the people to maximize the benefits of Government's programmes and projects for the 2025 fiscal year. He encouraged them to come up with requests that are key to the development of Ondo, Ile-Oluji/Okeigbo and Odigbo people.
- 4.4. Concluding his remarks, he enjoined all stakeholders to contribute meaningfully to the discussion of the meeting so as to have a robust, people-oriented budget.

## **5.0 KEYNOTE ADDRESS/SCORECARD PRESENTATION**

- 5.1 Giving his keynote address, on behalf of the Executive Governor of the State, His Excellency, Lucky Orimisan Aiyedatiwa, the Administrative Secretary, Mr. Stephen Aworere who represented the Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Pastor Emmanuel Igbasan, enthusiastically welcomed all the participants to the auspicious occasion.
- 5.2 He commended Mr. Governor for the signing the 2024 Reviewed Budget to Law and for implementing a number of the requests made last year by the people of the zone. He further stated that, in line with global best practices, the State had taken a radical, bottom-up approach to budgeting process and that the engagement was necessary to foster relationship between the Government and the people and for the people to take ownership of the process. He mentioned that the current government in Ondo State has disbursed over 240 Million Naira to Market Women in the first half of the year 2024 through the Ondo State Micro-Credit Agency. He mentioned that the State through the ODCARES programme and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperative Services also disbursed to funds running to hundreds of millions to the Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises in the State.
- 5.3 Commenting on the issues raised at the last year's town hall meeting by the people in the zone, he stated that the State Government was already concluding the process of employing 1000 teachers into each of the State's public primary and secondary schools. Some other government achievements including the continuous payment of WAEC fees for qualified Students in the State's public schools were reported to the people with pictorial evidences.
- 5.4 While concluding his address, he enjoined the participants to speak dispassionately and make insightful contributions, as their aspirations, desires, requests and feedbacks would be presented to Mr. Governor.

## 6.0. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

### 6.1.0 PRESENTATION ON 2025 – 2027 MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTEF)

- 6.1.1. 6.1.1 In his presentation, the Administrative Secretary of the Budget Office, Mr. Aworere S. R. highlighted the impacts of insecurity, and the delayed effect of the twin policy of fuel subsidy removal and the floating of the exchange rate on the national economy. He informed the participants that the 2025-2027 MTEF was aimed at addressing the economic challenges by optimizing resource inflows, improve human capital development, address food insecurity, ensure security of lives and properties of the citizenry, and expand the scope and reach of the hitherto social safety nets and economic supports for the vulnerable across our dear state.
- 6.1.2. While giving an overview of the 2024 budget performance, Mr. Aworere explained both the recurrent and capital budget implementation performance as at June 2024. He narrated that the performance of the revenue side of the 2024 Budget was as detailed in the Table 1 below:

**Table 1: Revenue Performance**

| S/N        | DESCRIPTION                            | 2024 APPROVED BUDGET      | MID YEAR TARGET           | MID YEAR ACTUAL           | % PERFORMANCE VS TARGET |
|------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>(A)</b> | <b>Revenue from Federation Account</b> | ₦                         | ₦                         | ₦                         | (%)                     |
| i.         | STATUTORY ALLOCATION                   | 45,367,453,580.00         | 22,683,726,790.00         | 8,777,603,401.90          | 39%                     |
| ii.        | MINERAL DERIVATION                     | 30,524,211,875.00         | 15,262,105,937.50         | 10,052,841,018.16         | 66%                     |
| iii.       | SHARE OF VAT                           | 30,301,829,040.00         | 15,150,914,520.00         | 29,876,251,133.57         | 197%                    |
| iv.        | EXCESS CRUDE                           | 20,439,986,002.80         | 10,219,993,001.40         | 0.00                      | 0%                      |
| v.         | EXCHANGE GAIN                          | 28,000,000,000.00         | 14,000,000,000.00         | 18,256,463,257.25         |                         |
| vi.        | FAAC SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS               | 25,000,000,000.00         | 12,500,000,000.00         | 49,905,485,653.27         | 399%                    |
| vii.       | STABILIZATION FUND                     | 35,000,000,000.00         | 17,500,000,000.00         | 0.00                      | 0%                      |
|            | <b>SUB-TOTAL</b>                       | <b>214,633,480,497.80</b> | <b>107,316,740,248.90</b> | <b>116,868,644,464.15</b> | <b>109%</b>             |
| <b>(B)</b> | <b>Independent Revenue</b>             | 33,639,332,950.00         | 16,819,666,475.00         | 16,152,938,007.39         | 96%                     |
|            | <b>SUB-TOTAL</b>                       | <b>33,639,332,950.00</b>  | <b>16,819,666,475.00</b>  | <b>16,152,938,007.39</b>  | <b>96%</b>              |
| <b>(C)</b> | <b>Other Revenue Sources</b>           |                           |                           |                           |                         |
| i.         | CASH RESERVE/ROLL-OVER FUND            | 22,337,786,552.20         | 11,168,893,276.10         | 14,583,670,924.79         | 131%                    |
| ii.        | DOMESTIC LOANS/ BORROWINGS RECEIVED    | 22,400,000,000.00         | 11,200,000,000.00         | -                         |                         |
| iii.       | INTERNATIONAL LOANS/ BORROWINGS        | 56,346,400,000.00         | 28,173,200,000.00         | 20,824,038,286.00         | 74%                     |
| iv.        | AID AND GRANTS                         | 43,700,000,000.00         | 21,850,000,000.00         | 32,523,726,456.30         | 149%                    |
| v.         | HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION          | 1,800,000,000.00          | 900,000,000.00            | 487,291,211.55            | 54%                     |
| vi.        | GAIN ON DISPOSAL OF ASSET              | 400,000,000.00            | 200,000,000.00            |                           | 0%                      |
|            | <b>SUB-TOTAL</b>                       | <b>146,984,186,552.20</b> | <b>73,492,093,276.10</b>  | <b>68,418,726,878.64</b>  | <b>93%</b>              |
|            | <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                     | <b>395,257,000,000.00</b> | <b>197,628,500,000.00</b> | <b>201,440,309,350.18</b> | <b>102%</b>             |

From the table, total revenue expected for the Mid-Year 2024 was ₦197.629billion while the total revenue received for the period was ₦201.440 billion, recording an increase of about 2%.

- 6.1.3. On the expenditure side, he explained that about 54.06% of the mid-year target of N197.63 billion was expended on both recurrent and capital expenditure. As seen in Table 2 below:

**Table 2: Expenditure Performance of 2024 Budget as at June, 2024**

| S/N      | EXPENDITURE DETAILS                      | 2024 APPROVED BUDGET      | MID YEAR TARGET           | MID YEAR ACTUAL           | % PERFORMANCE VS TARGET |
|----------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>RECURRENT EXPENDITURE</b>             |                           |                           |                           |                         |
| i        | PERSONNEL                                | 57,015,556,112.00         | 28,507,778,056.00         | 22,028,978,293.93         | 77.27%                  |
| ii       | OVERHEAD                                 | 38,338,746,600.00         | 19,169,373,300.00         | 14,139,308,718.45         | 73.76%                  |
| iii      | SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION & SOCIAL BENEFITS    | 18,864,602,824.00         | 9,432,301,412.00          | 10,016,881,607.82         | 106.20%                 |
| iv       | GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS                 | 21,256,900,000.00         | 10,628,450,000.00         | 7,725,935,655.75          | 72.69%                  |
|          | <b>TOTAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE</b>       | <b>135,475,805,536.00</b> | <b>67,737,902,768.00</b>  | <b>53,911,104,275.95</b>  | <b>79.59%</b>           |
| <b>B</b> | <b>OTHER RECURRENT EXPENDITURE</b>       |                           |                           |                           |                         |
| i        | PUBLIC DEBT CHARGES                      | 16,316,930,000.00         | 8,158,465,000.00          | 8,460,382,617.26          | 103.70%                 |
| ii       | TRANSFERS PAYMENT                        | 21,205,436,964.00         | 10,602,718,482.00         | 4,403,219,886.42          | 41.53%                  |
|          | <b>TOTAL OTHER RECURRENT EXPENDITURE</b> | <b>37,522,366,964.00</b>  | <b>18,761,183,482.00</b>  | <b>12,863,602,503.68</b>  | <b>68.56%</b>           |
| <b>C</b> | <b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>               |                           |                           |                           |                         |
|          | CAPITAL EXPENDITURE                      | 222,259,827,500.00        | 111,129,913,750.00        | 40,073,074,265.71         | 36.06%                  |
|          | <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                 | <b>395,258,000,000.00</b> | <b>197,629,000,000.00</b> | <b>106,847,781,045.35</b> | <b>54.06%</b>           |

- 6.1.4. Speaking on the 2025 - 2027 MTEF, the Administrative Secretary of the Budget Office briefed the meeting that the key parameters as well as other macroeconomic projections driving the medium-term revenue and expenditure framework have been advised by the NGF Secretariat in line with the emergent realities.

- 6.1.5. The presentation showed that in 2025, the National Inflation Rate was forecast to be 27%, Real GDP to have a growth rate of 3%, Oil Production Benchmark was projected to be 1.65 mbpd, the Oil Price benchmark of \$75 and the US Dollar to Naira Exchange Rate was forecast to be \$1 to ₦1,200.

- 6.1.6. The State proposed to have a total budget size of **₦405,764,810,516.24** in 2025.

It is disaggregated into **₦219,134,697,903** and **₦165,184,549,220** recurrent and capital expenditures respectively; with **₦8,500,000,000** and **₦12,945,563,394** as Transfers and Reserves respectively.

- 6.1.7. Table 3 below shows the details of the sectoral allocation of the budget.

**Table 3: 2023-2025      SECTORAL CAPITAL ALLOCATION**

| Capital Expenditure by Sector |                                   | Total Capital Envelope |                        |                |                        |                |                        |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| No.                           | Sector                            | % 2025                 | 2025 Allocation        | % 2026         | 2026 Allocation        | % 2027         | 2027 Allocation        |
| 1                             | ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE         | 1.9%                   | 3,286,390,369          | 8.0%           | 12,787,667,565         | 2.5%           | 3,669,654,563          |
| 2                             | AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT          | 11.6%                  | 20,138,775,922         | 6.5%           | 10,469,168,912         | 11.5%          | 17,186,936,407         |
| 3                             | EDUCATION                         | 11.2%                  | 19,433,963,883         | 9.0%           | 14,453,753,368         | 12.2%          | 18,261,204,610         |
| 4                             | ENVIRONMENT AND SEWAGE MANAGEMENT | 6.1%                   | 10,680,768,699         | 5.6%           | 9,059,919,586          | 8.0%           | 11,926,377,329         |
| 5                             | GENERAL ADMINISTRATION            | 2.6%                   | 4,518,786,757          | 2.4%           | 3,833,042,902          | 3.4%           | 5,045,775,024          |
| 6                             | HEALTH                            | 11.5%                  | 20,039,963,883         | 14.8%          | 23,753,753,368         | 16.1%          | 24,061,204,610         |
| 7                             | INFORMATION                       | 0.7%                   | 1,232,396,388          | 0.7%           | 1,045,375,337          | 0.9%           | 1,376,120,461          |
| 8                             | INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT       | 28.8%                  | 50,009,378,330         | 18.0%          | 28,842,252,021         | 9.5%           | 14,286,722,766         |
| 9                             | LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION        | 2.8%                   | 4,929,585,553          | 8.8%           | 14,181,501,347         | 3.7%           | 5,504,481,844          |
| 10                            | PUBLIC FINANCE                    | 8.1%                   | 14,028,587,961         | 8.7%           | 13,980,584,456         | 9.7%           | 14,502,668,203         |
| 11                            | REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT              | 4.9%                   | 8,500,000,000          | 5.6%           | 8,925,000,000          | 6.3%           | 9,371,250,000          |
| 12                            | COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT             | 6.4%                   | 11,156,365,922         | 9.3%           | 14,969,168,912         | 12.1%          | 18,114,526,407         |
| 13                            | TRADE AND INDUSTRY                | 3.3%                   | 5,729,585,553          | 2.6%           | 4,181,501,347          | 4.2%           | 6,304,481,844          |
|                               | <b>Total</b>                      | <b>100.00%</b>         | <b>173,684,549,220</b> | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>160,482,689,121</b> | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>149,611,404,067</b> |

6.1.8. Mr. Aworere explained that the sectoral capital expenditure was divided into two:

Discretionary Funds (N82.160 billion) and Non-Discretionary Funds (N91.525 billion) The State does not have outright control over non-discretionary fund. Also in his presentation on the 2025 – 2027 MTEF, Mr. Aworere highlighted food security, human capital development, increased investment in infrastructure, refocused drive on Independence Revenue (IR) generation; resilient Community Development Initiative; Facilitate social inclusion and social security; Diversification of the State’s economy amongst other things as the focus of the government in the 2025 fiscal year.

6.1.9. While concluding the presentation, the Administrative Secretary of the Budget Office enumerated the challenges that might face the performance of the proposed budget to include: effect of Fuel Subsidy Removal, effects of Floating of Currency, rising Inflation and insecurity (food, lives & properties).

## **7.0. OBSERVATIONS/COMMENTS/REACTIONS FROM STAKEHOLDERS**

7.1. In reactions to the presentations, the participants applauded Mr. Governor for granting many of their requests presented at the last edition of the consultative meeting and prayed that their requests at this year's meeting be included in the 2025 budget as usual. While the Administrative Secretary of the Budget Office exhaustively addressed most of their comments and reactions, the followings were noted:

- i. Government has neglected Ondo Township Roads which are in the state of disrepair;
- ii. Government has been playing lip service to interventions Agricultural revolution in the State;
- iii. Rural Roads in Ondo Villages such as Asantan, Kolawole, Oke-Ijero-Obewi in Ondo East are not passable for trucks;
- iv. Rural Roads in Okeigbo are in bad conditions;
- v. Okeigbo-Alarere-Igbo Olodumare road is in deplorable condition;
- vi. Produce revenue are being lost to neighboring Osun State via Okeigbo;
- vii. Youth are not interested in practicing subsistence farming;
- viii. Insecurity is still a major cause of low productivity in agriculture;
- ix. Teachers are in short supply in Schools across the State;
- x. Secondary School buildings are dilapidated in Ile-Oluji;
- xi. Without tractor and other farm implements government cannot achieve food security in the State;
- xii. Rural roads in Ile-Oluji are bad;
- xiii. Oniparaga-Ayeka-Araromi-obu road is in deplorable state;
- xiv. There is lack of commitment to continue past administration's project in the State;
- xv. Cocoa farms in the Forest Reserves in Odigbo Local Governments are being cleared;

- xvi. There is poor publicity of government employment into the State public service;
- xvii. There is low drive to attract investors that will establish Industries into the State;
- xviii. Markets and Rural roads are in bad conditions in Bolorunduro;
- xix. There is no health facility in Asantan, Kolawole etc. in Ondo East LGA;
- xx. Government efforts on cocoa revolution in the State did not yield the expected results;
- xxi. All the three areas of agriculture – Trees crops farming, arable farming and livestock farming are not performing optimally in Ondo State;
- xxii. The absence of Artisan Board in Ondo State contributed to the low Tax collected from Artisan in the State;
- xxiii. Government has not been committed to the payment of Scholarship and Bursary to the Students in State; and
- xxiv. No visible employment to other fields aside teaching and health care in Ondo State

## **8.0. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 The followings were the recommendations:

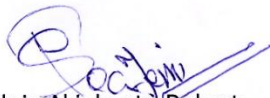
- i. Government should consider the construction of Ondo Township Roads which are currently in the state of disrepair;
- ii. Government interventions Agricultural revolution should cut across tree crops, arable crops and livestock production in the State;
- iii. Government should consider the construction of rural roads in Ondo Villages such as Asantan, Kolawole, Oke-Ijero-Obewi in Ondo East;
- iv. Government should construct rural roads in Okeigbo including Okeigbo-Alarere-Igbo Olodumare road;
- v. Government should ensure efficient method of revenue collection at Osun State border post;
- vi. Government should procure tractors with other farm implements and made them available in all the 18 LGAs;



- vii. Government should improve on the level of security in the State to ensure high productivity in agriculture;
- viii. Government should employ more teachers to Schools across the State;
- ix. Government should overhaul Secondary School buildings in Ile-Oluji;
- x. Government should consider the construction of rural roads in Ile-Oluji;
- xi. Government should construct Oniparaga-Ayeka-Araromi-obu road;
- xii. Government should be committed to continue past administration's project in the State;
- xiii. Government is pleaded to relax the anti-encroachment drive and allow cocoa farmers in the State forest reserve to produce cocoa for export;
- xiv. Government should publicly advertise employment opportunities so as for the people in the rural areas to benefit;
- xv. Government should intensify its drive to industrialize the State;
- xvi. Government should intervene in the markets and rural roads in Bolorunduro, Ondo East;
- xvii. Government should establish health facilities in Asantan, Kolawole etc. in Ondo East LGA;
- xviii. Government should ensure optimal productivity in trees crops farming, arable farming and livestock farming in Ondo State;
- xix. Government should consider the creation of Artisan Board in Ondo State manage the affairs of Artisans in the State;
- xx. Government should prioritize the payment of Scholarship and Bursary to the Students in State; and
- xxi. Government should consider employment to other fields aside teaching and health care in Ondo State.

## 9.0 **CONCLUSION**

9.1 On behalf of the Hon. Commissioner for Economic Planning & Budget, Pastor Emmanuel Igbasan Ph.D., the Administrative Secretary of the Budget Office, Pastor Stephen Aworere, appreciated the people of Ondo, Ile-Oluji/Okeigbo and Odigbo for their contributions, comments and suggestions at the meeting. He promised that the State Government under the leadership of our Governor, His Excellency, Lucky Orimisan Aiyedatiwa, would continue to prioritize citizen's needs, keep holding trust for the people, serve them and meet their desired expectations during the implementation of the 2025 Budget.



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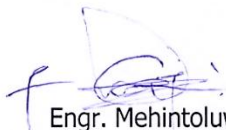
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