

THE REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF WOMEN ORGANIZATIONS IN ONDO STATE ON 2025 -2027 MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTEF) AND 2025 BUDGET PREPARATION HELD AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (SITA), ALAGBAKA, AKURE ON MONDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 2024.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1. In accordance with Section 22, Subsection 2 (a) and (b) of the Ondo State Fiscal Responsibility Law (FRL), (2017) which provides that public consultation be made with the citizens, with a view to harvesting their inputs into the State's MTEF leading to the yearly budget; a parley with the Women Organizations and Iyalojas & Iyalajes People on the 2025-2027 MTEF and 2025 budget preparation was held at the Conference Hall of the State Information Technology Agency, Alagbaka, Akure on Monday, 7th October, 2024. The Administrative Secretary, Economic Planning & Coordinating Office of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Bamidele Daisi presided over the meeting in place of the Honourable Commissioner of the Ministry, Pastor (Dr.) Emmanuel Igbasan.

2.0. OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING

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 Women Organizations and Iyalojas & Iyalajes 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 Office of Economic Planning and Coordination, Mr. B. J. Daisi; Administrative Secretary, Budget Office, Mr. Aworere Stephen; 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. Others are the Directors in Economic Planning and Coordinating Office, Director Development Planning, Mr. Adebuseye Monday; Director Monitoring and Evaluation, Alhaji Adekunle L. A, Director Technical Assistance & Aid Coordination, Mr. Adeboyejo Wale and a host of other members of staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget.

- 3.2. Also present at the meeting are the representatives of the Nigerian Council for Women Society (NWCS), Federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN), Stand up for Women Group, and Iyalojas & Iyalajes.

4.0. OPENING REMARKS

- 4.1. Mr. B. J. Daisi, the Administrative Secretary, Ondo State Ministry of Economic Planning and Coordinating Office, represented the Hon. Commissioner Ministry of Economic Planning & Budget, Pastor (Dr.) Emmanuel Igbasan to welcome the participants to the worthwhile occasion. He remarked that the annual consultative meeting with the people of Ondo State has been the way to commence the Budget preparation of the State. He asserted that the desires and yearnings of the Women 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, Mr. B. J. Daisi stated that the meeting 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 women folks in the State.
- 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 the keynote address on behalf of the Executive Governor of the State, His Excellency, Lucky Orimisan Aiyedatiwa, the Administrative Secretary, Mr. B. J. Daisi who represented the Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Pastor Emmanuel Igbasan, enthusiastically welcomed all the participants to the consultative meeting.
- 5.2. He applauded Mr. Governor for his commitment to the implementation of requests received during the annual budget consultative meetings. He informed the gathering that a good number of the requests made last year by the Women Groups were already implemented.
- 5.3. Commenting on the issues raised at the last year's meeting, he mentioned that Ondo State government has disbursed over 240 Million Naira to Market Women in the first half of the year 2024 through the Ondo State Micro-Credit Agency and that the State through the ODCARES programme and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperative Services had also disbursed funds running to hundreds of millions to the Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises in the State.

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. 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
(A)	Revenue from Federation Account	₦	₦	₦	(%)
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%
	SUB-TOTAL	214,633,480,497.80	107,316,740,248.90	116,868,644,464.15	109%
(B)	Independent Revenue	33,639,332,950.00	16,819,666,475.00	16,152,938,007.39	96%
	SUB-TOTAL	33,639,332,950.00	16,819,666,475.00	16,152,938,007.39	96%
(C)	Other Revenue Sources				
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%
	SUB-TOTAL	146,984,186,552.20	73,492,093,276.10	68,418,726,878.64	93%
	GRAND TOTAL	395,257,000,000.00	197,628,500,000.00	201,440,309,350.18	102%

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 the Table 2 below.

Table 2: Expenditure Performance

S/N	EXPENDITURE DETAILS	2024 APPROVED BUDGET	MID YEAR TARGET	MID YEAR ACTUAL	% PERFORMANCE VS TARGET
A	RECURRENT EXPENDITURE				
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%
	TOTAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	135,475,805,536.00	67,737,902,768.00	53,911,104,275.95	79.59%
B	OTHER RECURRENT EXPENDITURE				
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%
	TOTAL OTHER RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	37,522,366,964.00	18,761,183,482.00	12,863,602,503.68	68.56%
C	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE				
	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	222,259,827,500.00	111,129,913,750.00	40,073,074,265.71	36.06%
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	395,258,000,000.00	197,629,000,000.00	106,847,781,045.35	54.06%

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. Table 3 presented below 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.

Table 3: 2025-2027 Macro-Economic Framework

Macro-Mineral Item	2024	2025	2026	2027	Basis
National Real GDP Growth	3.10%	3.00%	3.10%	3.20%	Based on IMF WEO Forecasts
National Inflation	31.30%	27.00%	21.00%	19.00%	Based on IMF WEO Forecasts plus 5% in 2024 and 2025
Crude Oil Price Actual	\$86	\$88	\$88	\$88	EIA Forecast for 2024 and 2025, steady into 2026 and 2027
Crude Oil Price Benchmark	\$78	\$75	\$75	\$75	15% below actual Crude Oil Price
Crude Oil Production (MBPD)	1.5	1.65	1.7	1.8	Moderate increase over the period the MTEF (includes lease condensate)
NGN:USD Exchange Rate	1500	1200	1200	1200	Current FX Rate for 2024, but with slight appreciation in 2025. This also reflects the possibility that the benchmark be used as a target for CBN. 2024 H1 average rate was ₦1,250.
Mineral Ratio	16.18%	18.00%	20.00%	22.00%	2024 is based on Jan-Jun actuals. Assumes some efficiency gains in 2025 onwards.

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.

Table 4: 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
	Total	100.00%	173,684,549,220	100.00%	160,482,689,121	100.00%	149,611,404,067

6.1.7. 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 Independent Revenue (IR) generation; resilient Community Development Initiative; Facilitation of 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.

6.1.8. 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 appreciated the State Government for organizing the consultative meeting as a platform for them to air their views and make contributions towards the development of the State. They also applauded Mr. Governor for granting many of their requests presented at the last year's consultative meeting and prayed that their requests at this year's meeting be included in the 2023 budget. While the Administrative Secretary of the Budget Office exhaustively addressed most of their concerns and requests, the followings were noted:

- i. Government Loans and Grants from the State Micro-Credit Agency and the Ondo CARES did not get to most market women in the State;
- ii. The process of enrolling and applying for State Loans and Grants was difficult for market women;
- iii. Domestic wastes collection was poorly managed in most cities of Ondo State;
- iv. Food and material palliatives distributed by the State to ameliorate the effect of fuel subsidy removal did not get to most women in the State;
- v. Herdsmen were still wreaking havoc to farmers' plantations in Ondo State;
- vi. Rural roads in the State were at deplorable condition making it too costly to transport farm produce to the urban centres;
- vii. Government programmes for widows, widowers, orphans and other vulnerable people were not known;
- viii. There were too many check points where Task Force Officers demands hand-out from markets women dealing in perishable and non-perishable food item;
- ix. Only one primary and secondary schools was available for pupils and students of about 30 communities in Idanre.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The followings were the recommendations:

- i. Government Agencies in charge of soft loans and grants targeting women groups such as Iyalaje/Iyaloja Association should create awareness and ensure seamless process for the prospective beneficiaries;

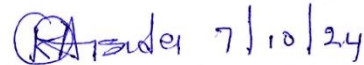
- ii. Government Agencies should provide platforms to assist and guide prospective beneficiaries of State Government's soft loans and grants in the application process;
- iii. Ondo State Government should urgently overhaul the process of waste management in the State to forestall outbreak of cholera and other epidemic diseases;
- iv. Ondo State Government should re-strategize the process of distributing food and material palliatives to the people in the State;
- v. Ondo State Government should find lasting solutions to farmers-herdsmen feud in the State.
- vi. Herdsmen should be cautioned not to graze their cattle on farmers' plantations;
- vii. Ondo State Government should prioritize the construction of rural roads in the State to ease the cost of transporting farm produce to the urban centres;
- viii. Government programmes for widows, widowers, orphans and other vulnerable should be given wide publicity to enable more beneficiaries;
- ix. Ondo State Government should sensitize law enforcement agencies on the need to shun corruption at check points, especially to desist from exploiting market women dealing in perishable and non-perishable food items; and
- x. Government Agencies in charge primary and secondary schools should look into the situation at Awakan community in Idanre Local Government Council Area where only one primary and secondary schools were available for pupils and students of about 30 communities.

9.0 CONCLUSION

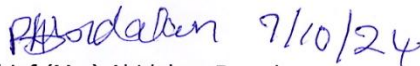
- 9.1 On behalf of the Hon. Commissioner for Economic Planning & Budget, Pastor (Dr.) Emmanuel Igbasan, the Administrative Secretary of the Budget Office, Pastor Stephen Aworere, appreciated the participants for their contributions, comments and suggestions at the meeting. He promised them that the State 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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