

**MINUTES OF ONE DAY TOWN HALL MEETING ORGANIZED BY  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, BUDGET AND ECONOMIC PLANNING IN  
COLLABORATION WITH BORNO STATE CITIZENS TO ENABLE ALL  
STAKEHOLDERS INTERACT AND PROVIDE THEIR INPUTS TO THE  
2021 BUDGET PROCESS HELD AT MULTI-PURPOSE HALL  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2020.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- His Excellency the Executive Governor Represent by His Excellency,
- Deputy Governor
- Political Party Leaders (APC),
- Nigeria Labour Congress Leaders,
- University of Maiduguri - Representative,
- NURTW – Representative,
- PERL – ARC – Representative,
- PRESS Media – Representative,
- Non – Governmental Organizations (NGOs),
- The Civil Society Leaders,
- Women Group Leaders,
- Representative of the Hon. Speaker of Borno State House of Assembly,
- Representative of His Royal Highness the Shehu of Borno,
- Representative of the Secretary to the State Government,
- Hon. Commissioners of various MDAs,
- Head of Service,
- Permanent Secretaries of various MDAs,
- Heads and Chief Executive of various MDAs,
- Local Government Council Secretaries,
- Other traditional leaders

The meeting was chaired by His Excellency, the Deputy Governor of Borno State Alhaji Umar Usman Kadafar and started at 11:25am with an opening prayer.

Welcome remark was presented by Special Adviser on Budget and Economic Planning, Alhaji Mustapha Bulu. He narrated that the purpose of the meeting was to give opportunity to citizens to interact and give the inputs for the

2021 Budget process. He also informed the participants that the budget will consist of three (3) years Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF).

A key note address was presented by the Hon. Commissioner of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Alhaji Adamu Lawan. In his presentation, he mentioned that the fundamental issues to be considered in the 2021 Budget are various expectations from the stakeholders. He continued by saying that the MTEF (2021 -2023) three (3) years framework will allow higher promises. Therefore, the Ministry for Finance, Budget and Economic planning team are here to consider all meaningful inputs to be contributed to produce the 2021 budget in line with international best practices.

His Excellency the Executive Governor ably represented by the Deputy Governor His Excellency Alhaji Umar Usman Kadafar read His Excellency's speech. In his speech, he mentioned that this administration clearly demonstrated Government commitment to the citizenry and to ensure transparency in its policy thrust. He further said that Government projects has suffered a setback due to the COVID -19 pandemic which melted economic growth, that was why our 2020 budget was revised. Therefore, there is the needs to carry forward some of the proposed projects to next year 2021 for implementation.

The Networking for Civil Society Chairman Ambassador Ahmed Shehu. He mentioned that the Network for Civil Society and Community Based inputs about sixty (60) different projects that were captured in the last year's Budget and thirty (30) of those projects were actualized. He went on by saying that the three (3) Senatorial Districts cam-up with inputs as compendium to Borno Budget. He applauded the Government by paying Local Government Pensions, death gratuities and 50% from grade level 1-9 also over 300 next-kins were paid. He finally urged the Government to consider the following: -

- Annual yearly increments
- Leave grant of 2 years
- Promotion of 4-5 years


And, he said now the NLC is working with aid workers to come-up with comprehensive documents to Hon. Commissioner Finance for Budget implementation in 2021.

A representative of people with disability, ably represented by Mohammed Abubakar thanked the Borno State Government for attending to their needs by providing N30,000 each to 500 members especially during the lock down period and the renovation of School for the blind at Gamboru –Ngala Road. Finally, he urged the State Government to do the same to other Schools of the disabled. He then presented a written document to the Hon. Commissioner of Finance, Budget and Economic planning.


A Women Groups representative, Hajiya Yagana Alkali thanked the Government for carrying the women along in this regime by providing them with Palliatives. She pleaded with Government to help them with shelters, empowerments and sustain the same to enable them train their Orphans.

The Nigeria Bar Association representative Barr. Yahaya Bulama narrated their partnership with Borno State Government. They give Government legal advices through the office of the Attorney General of State. He extended his advices to the Government to look into internally generated revenue to complement the effort of Federal Allocation Account Commission (FAAC) which is over stretched. Finally, he appealed to the Government to provide welfare packages to the State Civil Servants from level 01-12, such as Allowance to boost their morale.

In a closing remark by the representative of the Hon. Speaker House of Assembly, Hon. Mohammed Abdul, commended the efforts of His Excellency for organizing this meeting which involved all citizens to enable Government capture their inputs which make development possible using the bottom top approach and promise that the passing of Bills for the disabled and that of the Budget 2021 will not be delayed unnecessary. A Vote of thanks was delivered by the Acting Permanent Secretary Department of Budget and Planning Mr. Bukar Ali Malgwi. He thanked all the participants and wish them safe journey back to their respective destinations.

  
Adamu Alhaji Lawan  
Hon. Commissioner  
Ministry of Finance

  
Bukar Ali Malgwi  
Secretary  
Organizing Committee

  
Comrade Bulama Abisfo  
Chairman  
Network CSOs



Abubakar Sadiq Mu'azu  
Network of Civil Society  
Organization