

**REPORT ON THE  
CONDUCT OF THE BAUCHI  
STATE 2023 BUDGET  
PUBLIC HEARING IN THE 3  
SENATORIAL DISTRICTS**

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of the Budget Public Hearing (BPH) as an integral component of the Multi-Year Budgeting framework (MTEF) is to open and widen opportunity to the stakeholders at all levels Development Partners, Donor Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and indeed the entire citizens of the State, make their contributions into the Budget that will be incorporated for articulation, consolidation into the State propose Budget for transmission to the State House of Assembly for their screening, analysis and passage. It is another way of publicizing Government Policies and Programmes as well as having access to make input into it, hence making the Budget as all inclusive and participatory, with wider acceptance and creating ownership and support from citizens from all angle of the State.

The budget public hearing has become an area of concern by the citizen whereby the general public are having much interest in not only participating but give inputs in the areas of their priority and concern as they defined it, not only that but using it as a medium of tracking the government performance in the areas of basic needs, the outcome of the budget public hearing is resulting into a lot of input coming from different stakeholders and associations such as the NURTW, students Unions, Religious Organizations, butchers associations, farmers and traders organizations State chamber of Commerce, Achaba Riders associations, Market Associations, just to mention but a few.

## **BASIS/PARAMETERS OF BUDGET**

In his welcoming remarks the Honorable Commissioner Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning highlighted some of the basis or factors that are necessary to be considered before formulating or drafting a budget. It is through these factors that the technical officers at the Budget directorate must

consider in determining the budget size for each year. These factors includes the exchange rates (Naira-Dollar), current inflationary trend, Crude oil production and sales bench marks, FAAC allocation to the states, Population, etc. these are of paramount important in the development of the Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper after which the State Development Plan and State current Agenda as well as the Vision and Mission will be forecast and eventually develop the annual Budget.

## **2. AIM AND OBJECTIVES**

The aim of the Bauchi State Budget Public Hearing is to produce all inclusive and participatory governance by giving the stakeholders an opportunity to make contributions in terms of inputs into the state budget.

## **3. GOOD WILL MESSAGES**

The conduct of Budget Public Hearing is getting more support especially from Development Partners as it is geared the achievement of Good Governance, Accountability, Transparency as well as creating an ownership to the general public and all inclusive. It is in line with this that State2Stae a USAID funded project as a development partner operating in the State took a portion in sponsoring the 2023 Budget Public Hearing. The first good will massage came from the representative of this project where they stressed on the need to be conducting such an important aspect of the budget process and assured the State for their commitment toward supporting organizing and conducting the public hearing in the state.

Another good will came from the representative of the Honorable Commissioner Ministry for Local Government in which he assure the state for their support and conducting a similar activity at the Local Government level before developing their

budget. So also, the representatives of the Emirate councils and District Heads that attended the activity applauded the state government for organizing the budget public hearing every year and assured their support not only to the budget process but in government initiatives at all levels. Finally, Local Government Chairmen assured their full support and guidance toward for the success of the budget public hearing in the state.

#### **4. METHODOLOGY**

The state is divided into 3 clusters based on the existing 3 Senatorial Districts and conducted separately aimed at giving more chances and opportunities for participation. The presentation was on the proposed 2023 budget using Power Points of some of the completed and ongoing projects being implemented by this administration which are in line with the agenda of the present administration (Education, Health, Agriculture, Security and Youth and Women Development), other

##### **Conduct of Public Hearing in Bauchi Central Senatorial District**

Budget Public Hearing was conducted in this Senatorial District on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at Chartwell Hotel, Misau which comprises Misau, Dambam, Ningi, warji, Darazo and Ganjuwa Local Governments.

##### **TECHNICAL SESSION;**

The Honorable Commissioner who was represented by the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning welcomed the stakeholders invited for this an important event in which he expressed his gratitude to them by honoring this invitation and called on them to listen to the presentation that will be made and makes inputs that will enrich the 2023 budget so as to make the process a participatory. Thereafter, in his capacity as the Permanent Secretary presented the objectives of the budget public hearing as below;

- a. To bring government near to the people at grass root level
- b. To have inputs from the people at grass root
- c. To have wider participation in governance
- d. To create ownership and sustainability of government projects
- e. To have a platform between government and governed
- f. To create a mechanism for feedback.
- g. To have an avenue for monitoring and evaluation of government projects and programs.

## **PRIORITY AREAS OF THE GOVERNMENT**

- Education
- Health
- Agriculture
- Youth and Women empowerment
- Job creation and community development
- Poverty reduction
- Infrastructure

Immediately, after presenting the objectives by the Permanent Secretary, power point presentation on some of the completed and ongoing 2022 budget was made by the Director Budget to showcase some of the inputs that were made in the previous 2021 against the 2022 budget by some of the stakeholders that attended 2022 budget public hearing. This makes the participants filled important to the government as the government is implementing their aspirations. After the presentation an opportunity was given to the participants to ask questions, comments, observations and contributions and requests from participants were made as below;

## **INPUTS**

- Request for the purchasing/procurement of Mass Transit Busses for the State and Local Governments
- Dambam-Gurbana-Zudiwa road
- Jalam- Dagauda
- Jalam-Akuyam
- Jalam-Yanda
- Lele-Zaura-Baima
- Algari PHC
- Rural water supply across the villages and communities
- Reconstruction of Rehabilitation centers for people with special needs
- Development of State Social Protection Policy
- Kari-Misau Road
- Rehabilitation of primary schools across the LGAs
- Recruitment and training of teachers
- Recruitment of health workers
- Rural electrifications across LGAs
- Construction of Misau bye pass
- Beti- kafta- shilal road
- Completion of Warji-Gwaram road
- Warji-Dagu erosion control
- Rehabilitation of primary school roofing across the LGAs
- General Hospital Warji
- Establishment of boarding secondary school in Warji
- Payment of retired workers gratuity
- General quality control of government projects
- Employments of graduates

- Re-establishment of Teachers Colleges
- Jalam erosion control
- Dunkai-Bale-Baram road Misau LGA
- Rehabilitation of Warji-Miya road
- Ningi-Warji road/bridge
- Donlol-Tauya road Darazo
- Lanzai-Papa-Dukkuyal
- Gabciyari-Darazo road
- Darazo-Basirka road
- Dafatuwo-Jimun road Darazo LGA
- Warji Township roads and Drainage
- Zadawa- Hardawa-Akuyam-Ajili-Dagauda Eldarado
- Rehabilitation of butchers houses
- Enhancement of irrigation farming
- Hardawa Akuyam road
- Rehabilitation of GSS Ningi
- Reconstruction of Warji road
- Firo-Gubi-Nasarawa road
- Construction of sakarumbu road in Darazo
- Yamai- Yayu-Akuyam road
- Rehabilitation of electricity across the State.

**Conduct of Budget Public Hearing in Northern Senatorial District 7 September, 2022.**

The BPH was conducted live on air (Radio) on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 in the Northern Senatorial District comprising Katagum, Zaki, Gamawa, Itas Gadau,

Jama'are, Shira and Giade Local Governments at the Conference Hall, Aminu Saleh College of Education, Azare with participants drawing from different stakeholders which includes; Road Transport Union, Businessmen Association, Achaba Union, Traditional Institution, CSOs, CBOs, FBOs, Trade Union, Student Union, Women Groups, Fish& Meat Sellers, Craft men etc.

### **TECHNICAL SESSIONS;**

2022 Budget presentation (Power Point) was made by the Director Budget after an opening remark by the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning. The presenter concentrates on the ongoing and newly/proposed capital projects contained in the 2022 budget such as the Construction, Renovation and Rehabilitation of Roads, Primary and Secondary Schools, Government offices, Hospitals and purchases of Hospital equipment and Drugs. Other Projects includes Provision of water to rural communities, rural electrification, and system strengthening to mention but a few. After the presentation time was given to the participants to make comments ask questions and contributions which will be taken as an inputs for integration into the 2023 budget. Many people from different areas of the Senatorial Districts responded by making request for inclusion of their most priority needs into the 2023 budget which are as below;

- ✓ Lowcost maternity in Azare
- ✓ Wahuwa-Buskuri PHC
- ✓ Christian cemetery
- ✓ General flood control and relief materials
- ✓ Inclusive school in Azare
- ✓ Scholarship to PWDs and their employment
- ✓ Zubo-Bukul road
- ✓ Yana-Dago road



- ✓ Erosion control measures
- ✓ Seeds and pesticides for farmers
- ✓ Jama'are flood control
- ✓ Establishment of cottage industries
- ✓ Gamawa water supply
- ✓ Katagum water supply
- ✓ Employment of graduates
- ✓ Gender balancing
- ✓ Gamsha road rehabilitation in Itas Gadau LGA
- ✓ Upgrading of Agency for PWDs
- ✓ COE Azare roads
- ✓ Hautango primary school in Katagum LGA
- ✓ Itas-Atafowa road
- ✓ Itas-Buzawa road
- ✓ Madara-Kafin Larabawa road
- ✓ Adamami-Jama'are road
- ✓ Kukawa-Madifa-Murmur-Balangu Road in Zaki LGA
- ✓ Katagum-Bagam-Lodiyo-Bursali Road leading to Yobe State
- ✓ Ragwam-Magwanshi-Gwasamai Road in Katagum LGA
- ✓ Dredging of smaller Dams for irrigation system in Itas/Gadau LGA
- ✓ Zibo- Gwaram road
- ✓ Forestation/Desertification/Tree Planting Campaign
- ✓ Gadau-Katsinawa road
- ✓ Kashuri-Madara road
- ✓ Gadiya road in Gamawa LGA
- ✓ Zaki-Katagum-Jama'aren Fulani –Mainako-Ariri road
- ✓ Itas-Atafowa-Zibki-Magarya road

- ✓ Gadau-Gadiya-Udubo-Gamawa road

### **Bauchi South Senatorial District 8 September, 2022.**

The BPH was conducted in Bauchi South Senatorial District at Zaranda Hotel Bauchi on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2022; it comprises Alkaleri, Bauchi, Bogoro, Dass, Kirfi, Tafawa Balewa and Toro Local Governments.

The power point presentation on some of the completed and ongoing projects in the 2022 budget was made by the Director Budget to serve as a reference for the participants that attended the previous budget public hearing to have an attest on the importance of their inputs after the opening remarks by the Honorable Commissioner; 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;

- Alkaleri sand flow
- Rehabilitation of special centers for PLWDs and welfare packages
- Social protection policy
- Fertilizer supply
- Maternal Health issues
- Scholarships
- Boi-Tapshin road
- Kalangu-Dutsen Garal Marti
- Bununu Hospital cottage Hospital
- Primary school teachers employment
- Mararaba-Liman Katagum road
- Enhancement/scheme for PWDs and their Domiciliary Hospital

- Gudum-Gwallaga-Kyauro-Liman Katagum road
- Provision Furniture at the renovated LGA Secretariats
- Burgel-kundum-Bazali road
- Employment of graduates
- General flood control
- Enhancements of joint State and Local Accounts
- Establishment of Primary School, Hospital, Health Centers, and other infrastructures at Oil Producing Area in Alkaleri LGA
- Alkaleri-Futuk Road
- Construction/Renovation/Rehabilitation of Veterinaries across the State
- Bangin-Burumbu road
- Rehabilitation of Burumbo Primary School
- Kamfanin Kutare Guyaba road
- Yankwano Kirfi
- Cheledi Gombe Abba road
- Wash program at Motor parks and slaughter houses
- Establishment of farm centers
- Alkaleri water project
- Reviving/ establishment of farm training centers
- Fencing of Futuk secondary school and its staff quarters
- Rehabilitation of Duguri road
- Security situation
- Re-introducing of Teachers Colleges and training and re—training of teachers
- Rehabilitation of trucks, caterpillars and other equipments of the State Development Board for effective rehabilitation of rural roads
- Rehabilitation of Gwaskoram road in Bauchi LGA
- UnguwarZagi-Jama'a-Nabardo road

- Renovation/establishment of butcher houses
- Strengthening of mining/processing

### **HONOURABLE COMMISSIONERS's COMMENTS;**

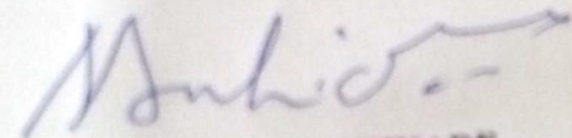
The Honourable Commissioner Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning who was the representative of the Executive Governor at the event asked the secretariat to ensure that the requests made by the participants is included into the 2023 budget and further promised to deliver their requests to His Excellency the executive Governor.

### **Conclusion:**

The Budget Public Hearing as a tool for participatory budget has been introduced in the State Budgeting Process to give chances for the general populace/citizenry to express their will and wishes by giving their inputs related to their priority projects that will be included in the State Budget and strengthen the State Public Expenditure which ensures participatory democratic process hence enhancing public ownership of projects/ infrastructures as well as making the governance all-inclusive in the State.

### **Recommendation:**

It is hereby recommended, that the State Budget Public Hearing should be institutionalized (back by law as a State Budget Process) and to be organize and conducted in all local governments of the state every year for wider coverage and proximity to allow the local peoples attend and give their inputs which will strengthen the public confidence in the State governance.

  
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