

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ISSUED AT THE END OF THE ENUGU STATE GOVERNMENT 2020 STAKEHOLDERS BUDGET FORUM HELD AT NIKE LAKE HOTEL, ENUGU ON 26TH NOVEMBER, 2019

The Government of Enugu state through the Ministry of Budget and Planning organized a one-day stakeholder's Budget forum on 26th November 2019 at Nike Lake Resort Hotel Enugu on the preparation of 2020 Budget.

The Hon Commissioner for Budget and Planning in his welcome address stated that the forum, which was introduced during the 2019 budget preparation is in furtherance of the State Government Commitment to a transparent and all inclusive participatory process in budgeting and in the art of Governance in general, as well as to ensure credibility of the 2020 State budget. This is a kind of Needs assessment for a transparent and achievable budget, through the Stakeholders.

The meeting had in attendance, the Executive Governor of Enugu State ably represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Prof. Uchenna Otuanya, Hon. Commissioners, and other members of the State Executive Council, Traditional Rulers, President General of all communities, Members of Faith Based Organizations, and Members of the civil society organization, including the vulnerable in the society amongst others.

The purpose of the meeting was to enable the state government ensure popular participation of the community/group in the Budget formulation, project identification and preparations, and also matching contributions from all relevant stakeholders.

The process is also a way of demonstrating its commitment to institutionalizing a more acceptable budget process in Enugu State.

The following lead papers were presented and examined during the meeting

- i. Background and objective of the Budget Forum – Why We are Here
- ii. Highlight of 2019 Budget Performance
- iii. 2020 Budget Process and Preparation.

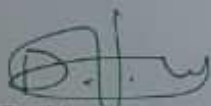
After extensive deliberations, the traditional rulers and President Generals commended His Excellency, the Executive Governor and His Executive Council Members for the excellence performance of the 2019 budget and also for involving them in the budget process each year. They equally came up with some critical observations as well as individual request, which they feel will impact on the well being of the Citizens to be included in the 2020 budget. Such Observations and Request includes:

1. Construction of Access Roads in the Rural Communities as this will improve business and other social activities in the areas
2. Extension of Electricity to rural areas
3. Provision of more health facilities
4. Enhancement of welfare of traditional rulers in the State
5. Improvement of Security Situation in all corners of the State
6. Increase of water supply
7. The use of traditional institution such as the traditional rulers and town union in the execution of developmental projects at the grassroots.
8. To provide necessary feedback mechanism for continuous stakeholders participation during budget implementation.


Participants were however informed that the Government is mindful of their request and that the Rural Access and Mobility Project (RAMP) are working on many access roads in the rural areas which is its core mandate.

All these resulted in the exchange of ideas from the Stakeholders/participants who showed excitement at their participation in the 2020 Budget Process. Stakeholders equally agreed to participate actively in the monitoring of projects during implementation of the 2020 budget and send necessary feedback that will help the Government to do better.

Meanwhile, the outcome of the meeting was so rich, that most of the issues raised were considered in the final preparation of 2020 budget.

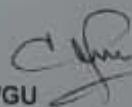


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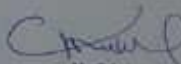


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