

# **ZAMFARA STATE CITIZENS' INPUTS/TOWN HALL MEETING**

**MINISTRY OF BUDGET AND ECONOMIC PLANNING IN COLLABORATION  
WITH UNICEF ORGANIZED A GATHERING ON CITIZENS' INPUTS/TOWN  
HALL MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021 AT TAULA EVENT CENTRE,  
BYE PASS ROAD GUSAU.**

Opening prayer was led by Dr. Aliyu Sani Jangebe, welcoming address by Garba Altine Dauran (Permanent Secretary Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning)

The Director Budget Mallam Hamza Salihu was called and addressed the participants that this occasion commenced last year, that suppose to be organize every fiscal year, but unfortunately couldn't happen until the emergence of the current administration of His Excellency Dr. Bello Muhammad Matawallen Maradun (Shattiman Daular Usmaniyya).

According to him, the sole purpose of the meeting is to link people together, bring the content of the state budget estimates closer to the community (INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE) because budget is prepared on behalf of the people. He added that apart from Governance inclusiveness, it's going to be as an avenue where the contributions as well as inputs given by the participants is being forwarded to the house of assembly for final approval, and even the house also organizes a session where more inputs are been collected, he therefore urged people to be in attendance at house

of assembly when the time comes for citizens to ensure that the contributions they made are been captured in to the budget.

However, the Director Budget also told the participants that, there will be a lot of engagements apart from Town Hall Meeting where presentation of Facts will be made on Budget Implementation, and finally he said the present Administration of Dr. Bello Muhammad Matawallen Maradun highlighted eight (8) priority areas/sectors that want to focus on, as follows:-

- Education Sector
- Health
- Water
- Transport
- Commerce
- Agriculture
- Works and Housing and
- Women and Children

The proposed 2022 State Budget estimates was presented and the citizens' inputs/suggestions among other business (AOB) from different participants were captured as follows;

Dr. Aliyu Sani Jangebe suggested that, Government should provide more physical structures for Islamic Institutions in the state (Makarantar Allo and Zaure as well). Similarly, another participant Malam Aminu Aliyu Modibbon Gusau highlighted the need for the establishment of Higher Islamic Studies (H.I.S) learning system in at least three (3) senatorial zones in the state.

Rabiu Sambo among the CSO's emphasized on the need to construct IDP camps for the refugees, because you will see them hanging around the streets which is not in order and it can turn to another threat, he further added that, participants supposed to be informed about what budget is, types of the budget as well as sources of funding the budget, similarly Nafisa Halilu Anka also put forth on the need for the refugees and orphans to be included in the 2022 budget.

Malam Hadi Sulaiman Modibbon Zamfara who is also the executive Secretary Quranic Tajweed draw the attention of Ministry of Lands and Survey to kindly pay compensation of farm lands to the owners as usual for them to proceed with their farming activities at long run. The Modibbo also called on the need for the construction of dams in Shinkafi, Zurmi and Anka to boost Agricultural activities as well as boosting the economy of the state.

Malam Nasiru Usman Biyabiki from Zamfara State Social Protection platform called on the need to give more consideration on nomadic



Education, social security in the schools and also broaden for more IGR base, he also commend the state Government and Unicef for organizing this very important session.

Hon. Commissioner Ministry of Agriculture Alhaji Ibrahim Jibo Magayaki suggested that, School of Nursing at Zurmi LGA and School of Legal and Islamic Studies at Kaura Namoda should be included in the budget as Government put Commitments towards the establishment of the schools.

Mal. Nafiu Garba asked a question to the Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning that NECO, WAEC and Feeding Program is under which MDA? Which was addressed by Director Economic Planning, the participants called more emphasis on social security and award of scholarship.

Finally, a closing remark as well as closing prayer was made by the State Director Economic Planning Mal. Dalhatu Musa Morai



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