

**TOWN HALL MEETING :**

**2<sup>nd</sup> REPORT ON OGUN STATE 2020 BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM  
EXPENDITURE FRAME WORK(MTEF) 2020 – 2022**

**HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2019**

**AT THE**

**OGUN WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT, FRONTIER HOTEL AND RESORT, IBESE  
ROAD, ILARO, OGUN STATE.**

**CHIEF HOST:**

**HIS EXCELLENCY, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF OGUN STATE**

**PRINCE (DR.) DAPO ABIODUN MFR**

**ORGANISED BY THE MINISTRY OF BUDGET AND PLANNING, OKE-MOSAN,  
ABEOKUTA**

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The second town hall meeting in Ogun State after the first one held in Ogun East Senatorial District towards the preparation of the State's 2020 Budget and Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) 2020 - 2022 was held in Ogun West Senatorial District in Ilaro on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. This was another promise fulfilled. Unlike in the past when stakeholders were invited to the June 12 Cultural Centre, Kuto, Abeokuta, to attend the town hall meeting held only in the Ogun Central Senatorial District.

As usual, the Town Hall meeting that was held in Ogun West Senatorial District was attended by various dignitaries and stakeholders which included various Women Groups, Youth Organisations, Trade Unions, Trade Associations, Community Development Associations (CDAs), Professional Bodies, Local Government Councils, Non-Governmental Organisations/Civil Society Organisations, Religious, Student Bodies and senior citizens of the State, etc.

## **2.0 ATTENDANCE**

A wide range of dignitaries and stake holders attended this meeting as follows: the number one citizen of the State, His Excellency, Prince (Dr.) Dapo Abiodun, **MFR**; the Deputy Governor of Ogun State, Engr. (Mrs.) Noimot Salako-Oyedele; Speaker of Ogun State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Olakunle Oluomo, the Secretary to the State Government, Mr. Olatokunbo Talabi; the Chief of Staff to the Governor, Alhaji Shuaib Salisu, the Chief Economic Adviser to His Excellency, Mr. Dapo Okubadejo; Consultant on Budget and Planning, Mr. Olaolu Olabimtan, Special Advisers and Consultants to His Excellency; the Chairman of the House Committee on Budget and Appropriation, Hon. Kunle Sobukonla; Members of the Ogun State House of Assembly; Ogun State APC Party Chairman, Chief Yemi Sanusi, Olu and Paramount Ruler of Yewaland, His Royal Majesty, Oba Kehinde Olugbenle; Royal Fathers and other traditional rulers; Distinguished Senators; Permanent Secretaries; Heads of Parastatals/Agencies; Representatives of the Five (5) Local Government Areas in Ogun West Senatorial District; Religious Leaders and Leaders of Political Groups, Civil Society Organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations.

Others in attendance included retired Head of Service in Ogun State, Elder Olusola Adeyemi, Heads of Tertiary Institutions; State Chapter of Nigerian Union of Pensioners (NUP), various Women Groups, Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Bankers, Trade Associations and Unions; Yewa-Awori Farm Producers and Farmers Association, Dapo Abiodun Traders Association (DATA); Nigerian League of Women Voters, Community Development Associations (CDAs); National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), Artisans; Youth Organisations, etc.

### **3.0 OPENING**

The meeting commenced at 3.42pm with the arrival of His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Ogun State, Prince (Dr.) Dapo Abiodun MFR. The opening prayers were offered by Pastor (Dr.) Julius Akinrinade and Alhaji Otewo following the rendition of the National and State Anthems.

### **4.0 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

The turnout of participants at the event was highly impressive. An average of 3,000 participants attended the meeting, comprising those who registered their names and addresses on the attendance sheets provided and those who did not register formally on the attendance sheets.

### **5.0 WELCOME ADDRESS**

The Consultant on Budget and Planning to the Governor, Mr Olaolu Olabimtan FCA, welcomed all the guests to the 2nd Town Hall meeting held in Ogun West Senatorial District in furtherance of His Excellency's interaction with the good people of Ogun State in a bid to engage the Citizens and obtain inputs for the 2020 Budget and the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) for 2020 - 2022.

In his welcome speech, the Consultant noted that the main objective of the meeting was for the people to interact with His Excellency on the way forward as the current Administration was committed to good governance and efficient service delivery to the masses. He stated that one of the essentials of good governance was having a world class public financial management system which entailed engaging the citizens and having their feed-back to draw up a true people's budget and Expenditure Framework that would meet the yearnings of the populace.

Mr. Olabimtan stated that this was the first time this type of gathering would be held in all the Senatorial Districts and that it would be extended to the Ogun Central Senatorial District.

While thanking His Excellency for his leadership and his commitment to international best practices, he noted that stakeholders had been invited to interact with His Excellency and engage him first-hand to provide sincere and meaningful discussions on the way forward.

In essence, he said the purpose of the meeting was to sensitize the citizens about Government's plans and priorities for 2020 – 2022 in furtherance of the mantra; ***“building our future together” and to obtain stakeholders' thoughts and contributions in the MTEF 2020 – 2022 and the budget for 2020.***

The Consultant once again welcomed everyone to the meeting and urged them to join hands with the Government in order to move the State forward.

## 6.0 OPENING REMARK

The Executive Governor of Ogun State, His Excellency, Prince (Dr.) Dapo Abiodun MFR began his opening remarks by welcoming everyone to the Town Hall Meeting in Ogun West Senatorial District which was another promised fulfilled. He informed the people that the main purpose of the meeting was for them to interact with the Government on their needs and contributions to the 2020 Budget.

His Excellency mentioned that he held it as a tripartite covenant between God, himself and the good people of Ogun State to ensure even development and inclusive governance in the State and that his loyalty was not to a section of the State, but as a Governor would continue to serve all and to reciprocate God's faithfulness through the journey so far by being a tool to bring the greatest good to the people of Ogun State, regardless of creed, gender and political affiliation or their geographical location.

His Excellency made it abundantly clear that his Administration will uphold the principles of good governance, that is, it would be participatory, inclusive, responsive, effective, efficient and also obey the rule of law. He pointed out that the meeting was a promise fulfilled by ensuring that all the 3 Senatorial Districts had equal opportunities to rub minds with the Government on their basic needs. He therefore promised that all the contributions would be given attention towards realising a robust and people oriented budget.

He therefore pleaded with the people to have faith in his Administration to set a new path towards the "***Building our Future Together***" agenda while stating that Ogun West was the major outlet to other West African States for which his Administration was irrevocably committed to making the State a truly investors' first choice destination by taking maximum advantage of the geographical location with Lagos and neighbouring countries. Alluding to the geographical location that gave the State the appellation "***Gateway State***", the State Governor charged inhabitants in border towns to avoid any act capable of putting the security and economic development of the State at risk.

His Excellency noted that apart from many efforts towards job creation, poverty alleviation and food security, his Administration will continue to demonstrate its commitment in partnership with the people in education, health, infrastructure and in other sectors that have direct and positive impact on the people. He declared that all the primary schools, primary health centres and the roads that have been selected in each of the 236 wards across the State were already receiving immediate intervention. This was in addition to Government's identified projects that would be spread across the three Senatorial Districts of the State.

Noting the above, His Excellency affirmed the immediate programmes of action of the Government to include:

- Providing employment for our teeming youths;
- Expanding the State's economic base in the context of Public-Private-Partnership;
- Reforming the machinery of government for good governance;
- Providing welfare and reversing the infrastructural deficits across all the 236 wards in the State.

As a demonstrable commitment of the Administration's resolve to provide even distribution of the commonwealth and in consonance with the "*Building our Future Together*" Agenda of the Administration, His Excellency mentioned that on his first official visit to Ilaro, he ordered an immediate overhaul of the facilities at the State Hospital, Ilaro which he met in a terrible state. Also, palliative measures were on-going on the Owode – Idiroko Road, which is a Federal Road.

Some other highlights which the Governor noted were executed quickly since assumption in Office, included, among others :

- ✓ Security surveillance to strengthen rescue operations involving the acquisition of 100 Hilux pick-up vans and 200 motorcycles with state-of-the-art facilities and high-tech communication gadgets had been provided to support Law Enforcement Agencies while maintenance would be funded by the State Government. In addition, the **Security Trust Fund had been launched in the State**, while over a billion Naira was raised at the programme.
- ✓ On road Infrastructure, His Excellency made it known that a bill to set up Public works Agency sent to the House of Assembly had been passed. The new Agency would be responsible for the repair and maintenance of all bad roads in the State.
- ✓ On education, His Excellency stated that Ogun State which was the education capital of the Nation with the highest number of Higher Institutions and secondary schools had produced the first Lawyer, Doctor, Accountant, etc. in the Country. Transformation has commenced on the fallen education standard from primary schools to Tertiary Institutions; Rehabilitation of 236 schools commenced across the State, 10,000 Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff were promoted, MoshoodAbiola Polytechnic (MAPOLY) which was not functioning before had resumed full academic activities and problems of Tai Solarin University of Education (TASUED) and Tai Solarin College of Education (TASCE) had been resolved.
- ✓ On healthcare, His Excellency declared that just as the State Hospital, Ilaro and the access road to the Hospital was rehabilitated, rehabilitation and transformation work

had commenced on Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH), Sagamu which was also in a terrible state.

- ✓ On job creation, Ogun State Job Portal which was created to bridge the gap between insecurity and unemployment had received thousands of applications from unemployed youths within 3 weeks. Tech Hub was also launched for trainings on Information Technology. Presently 10,000 youths had subscribed to the programme (on maize and rice farming) and it was expected that within six months 40,000 youths would have enrolled which would lead to reduction in criminal activities.
- ✓ Anchor Borrowers' Programme was set up by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and the State Government to enable the youths become agriculture entrepreneurs. Lands would be cleared, allocated to youths and stipends given every month from planting time to harvest time.
- ✓ On social investment, His Excellency stated that through the **"Oko Owo Dapo" Programme**, many people have been given N10,000.00 each within a period of time, to trade with, in different petty trades. Different categories of the programme exist e.g. pure water business, yam flour, etc. and the plan was to make women benefit from this programme by giving each beneficiary about N10,000.
- ✓ On Housing, His Excellency stated that the construction of 200 units of low cost housing projects had commenced in Ibara, GRA, Abeokuta. He assured that the property would not cost more than three million naira (N3m) and would be carried out in all the Senatorial Districts.

His Excellency assured the meeting that all the comments, recommendations and proposals would be noted for the preparation processes of the year 2020 Budget of the State. He enjoined all the people of the Ogun West to also take maximum advantage of the platform to come out, in large numbers, to express their views and aspirations and also called on all relevant stakeholders to continue to co-operate with Development Partners in the delivery of State projects, in order to walk the path of glory and achieve the Ogun State of our dreams.

His Excellency concluded his speech by appreciating all the good people Ogun West for their attendance and requested for support in prayers in building the State together.

## **7.0 SALIENT COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Oba Kehinde Olugbenle, Olu and Paramount Ruler of Yewaland appreciated His Excellency for bringing the Town Hall Meeting closer to the people of Ogun West Senatorial District and also celebrated with him on the award given to him by the Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro. He promised

the full support of the people on all the programmes he would embark on and prayed for more wisdom, grace and strength for His Excellency.

2. Chief Ajibola representing Yewa South Local Government complained about bad roads in Ado-Odo, Owode, Joga - ItaOshin and other major roads in the area and pleaded with His Excellency to repair the roads.

3. Chief OluAgemo representing Yewa North Local Government commended the Government on the on-going rehabilitation in schools. He complained of sufferings from bad roads for long and pleaded with His Excellency to repair the Ita-oshin – Orile and other bad roads in the area and also appealed for the provision of social amenities to the community.

4. Senator Akin Odunsi representing Ado-Odo Ota Local Government commended His Excellency for being a listening Governor as this was the first time in Ogun State that a new Government would go round the three Senatorial Districts to seek their opinion concerning the development of the State. He urged His Excellency to provide good road infrastructure in Ogun West being the economic base of the State thereby resulting in more Industries springing up in the State. He said Farmers should be encouraged in the provision of good rural access roads to prevent spoilage of their farm produce before getting to town. He also asked His Excellency to revive the abandoned Gateway Hotel and Gateway Technical College in Ota and give attention to Human Capital Development which is very important in the growth of any State.

5. Chief Obanla from Ipokia Local Government commended the efforts of His Excellency since resumption in May, 2019 and informed that Ipokia is the least developed Local Government with bad roads and no job for the Youths. He appealed to His Excellency to fulfil his promise and give more appointment to people from the area.

6. Mr. Olusola Oke representing Alhaji Yaya Fadipe from Imeko Afon Local Government Area complained about bad roads and that on Education, Imeko Afon is lacking behind as there was no single Tertiary Institution in the area and their youths could not further their education due to the long distance. He appealed to His Excellency to provide a Tertiary Institution in the area even if it was annex of any Higher Institutions and also to look at the deployment of more Teachers to the primary schools. He mentioned an example of six blocks of classrooms with just two Teachers.

7. Prince Gboyega Nasiru Isiaka commended His Excellency for his activities in less than six months and urged His Excellency to declare a state of emergency in Ogun West Senatorial District affecting roads especially Ipokia and Imeko Afon that shared boundary with Lagos State to tap into the investment opportunities that existed there. He enjoined the governed to co-operate with the Government in the payment of their taxes, levies and moral obligations for the Government to succeed.

8. Chief (Mrs.) Iyabo Apampa recognised the Women and informed that the present Administration had good plans for the women in establishing the programme “OKO-OWO DAPO” which offered loan facilities for the Market Women thereby empowering them. She implored the Governor to continue to remember women in terms of loan facilities and political appointment and also enjoined the women to keep on praying regularly for him.

9. Chief Ilori from Imasayi complained about Dangote trucks overloading which spoilt the road and non-collection of state plate numbers by vehicles plying Ogun West road thereby not generating enough revenue for the State Government. He appealed to His Excellency to address the issue of lack of morals in schools, cultism in primary schools and Farmers-Fulani Problems.

10. Mr. Noah Popoola representing Community Development Associations (CDAs) appealed to His Excellency to address the issue of road maintenance.

11. Mrs Blessing representing African Girls Empowerment Network informed the Participants of their activities in promoting women health, build women in leadership positions, raising women to be role models and self-reliance, etc. She requested for Private Public Partnership with them.

12. Comrade Adebajo representing National Youth Council, Ogun West commended His Excellency for instituting developmental programmes such as Anchor Borrowers Programme, etc. He complained of poor Budget Implementation which he expected to be at least 70%. He appealed to His Excellency to remember the students in the payment of their outstanding bursary and also consider the youth in the policy formulation and appointment in the State cabinet by virtue of their large votes during the election.

13. Apostle John Ola Dada JP. representing Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Ogun West pleaded for support to be given to CAN to go on Holy pilgrimage to Jerusalem, allow prayer and revival programmes to be conducted in open fields as high charges are placed on them by schools whenever they want to use their premises for revival. He also requested that CAN be included in the yearly Christmas Carol programme.

14. A representative of Pepper Sellers’ Association complained of the activities of men of the Nigerian Customs which affected them negatively.

- 15. The Ogun State Community Development Council, Ogun West pointed out the following areas of need:
  - Road construction. Rehabilitation and maintenance,
  - Building and rehabilitation of Public Primary School,
  - Building and maintenance of health centres,
  - Security post and police stations,
  - Extension of Community Development Project to other Local Government Areas,



- Upgrading of Social Development Institute Shasha-Iperu to Degree Awarding

Institute,

- Government support on celebration of World Community Day.

16. Hon. Lasisi Ayinla Rauf from Yewa South Local Government asked the Government to revive the abandoned Ogun-Oshun River Basin Project at Oke Odan.

17. Mrs. Adetutu Adekunle from Ado-Odo Ota asked for the provision of Electricity at Ijoko Ota Axis.

18. Nigeria Union of Pensioners, Yewa South appealed for the payment of Gratuities to Pensioners and upward review of Pensions.

19. Hon. Dele Togun from Yewa South asked the Government to tackle cultism on Primary and Secondary Schools and also review of Pensions.

20. Ire Ajayi Gboyega from Yewa South asked for the introduction Mechanised farming in Yewa Axis.

21. Mrs. Adebimpe Macuculy asked for Budget provision for the Old, Widows and Orphans.

22. Mr. Abayomi Oke from Ado-Odo Ota asked the Government to institutionalise a Master Plan in the State that any successor in Government would follow.

23. Mr. Quadri SaheedIdowu from Yewa South asked for the construction of Ogun State Multi-Purpose Hall at Ilaro.

24. Mr. Dosunmu Kolawole Samson from Yewa South asked for the continuation of the Home Owners' Charter programme.

25. Ado-Odo Development Foundation pointed out the following areas of need:

- Rehabilitation of Owode – Ado – Ikoga road;Atan – Lusada– Agbara road; Atan – Alapoti road; Ade-Odo Town hall – Idi Oniporogu – Ojupa road and Agunloye market – Okuluku – Oke Padre road,
- Security against Omo Onile in Ado-Odo axis,
- Conversion of the Model College Buildings in Ado-Odo to Tertiary Institutions,

- Completion and Equipping of the ongoing General Hospital Project embarked upon by Ado-Odo Community.

26. Mr. Emmanuel Kunle Akan from Yewa South asked for Technical and Financial support to Cocoa Farmers.

27. Mrs. Felicia Jinadu from Yewa South asked for the renovation of Public Library in Ilaro and establishment of another Library in Ayetoro.

## **8.0 HIS EXCELLENCY'S RESPONSE ON THE COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

His Excellency, Prince (Dr.) Dapo Abiodun, MFR appreciated the people for their contributions and suggestions saying that all their requests would be looked into towards the year 2020 Budget as his Administration was an inclusive Administration that would be based on fair play and equity. He also promised that this kind of interaction would hold from time to time. Highlights of His Excellency's responses were as follows:

**Road Infrastructure:** On the issue of bad roads which was a major problem in the State, His Excellency promised that road infrastructure (which is part of the SDG goals of quality roads, good healthcare, education, clean water and electricity) would be developed to pave way for Investors and Industrialisation in the State while critical roads would be included in the year 2020 Budget. He stated that though there would be no refund of money expended on repair of Federal roads by State Government, he would still request the Federal Government to transfer work on the two Federal roads, Lagos-Abeokuta road and Ikorodu-Sagamu roads to the State for repair and commercialisation. He also made it known that he had called for the involvement of Lafarge, Dangote and Flour Mills on these roads

**Human Capital Development:** His Excellency promised that Human Capital Development which was a priority for development of a good Government will be addressed. He mentioned that a Tech Hub will be built in each Senatorial District. An example is the Model School in Kobape that had already been converted to a Tech-Hub. Technical and Vocational training centres will be included in schools.

**Youth Inclusiveness:** On youth Inclusiveness, His Excellency assured that the youth would be empowered, given loans to start their business and given certain percentage of participation in the State Cabinet.

**Budget implementation:** His Excellency assured that the Budget will be properly implemented.

**Women empowerment:** His Excellency declared that he was the only Governor in the South West with a female Deputy Governor. He promised that women would be empowered. He also assured that 100,000 women would be given loans and inclusion in his cabinet would be highly encouraging.

**Vehicle Registration:** On issue of vehicle registration and trucks overloading, His Excellency said that vehicles cannot be forced to take Ogun State plate numbers. He also said that trucks plying the State roads causing it to dilapidate would be charged tariffs or fine for overloading.

**Revitalisation of Gateway Hotel:** His Excellency promised that the issue of the abandoned Gateway Hotel in Ota will be revisited as he had already discussed it with the Chief Economic Adviser.

**Education:** His Excellency promised his best on quality education. He recommended the demolition of the Model School in Ilaro and promised the replacement with a Technical and Vocational Training Centre.

In response to question 13 raised by representative of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), His Excellency appreciated the role of Men of God and promised to support them on Holy Pilgrimage to Jerusalem and also include them in the yearly Christmas Carol programme. Same gesture would be extended to the Muslim Clerics.

To round it up, His Excellency requested that any additional requests and contributions that would move Ogun State should be forwarded to the Ministry of Budget and Planning.

Conclusively, after the above responses many questions were asked in written form which were mostly related to what His Excellency had earlier addressed in the course of his reactions with the people. Most of these questions were directly or otherwise related to provision of basic amenities (road infrastructure, health, education, water, housing).

## **9.0 CONCLUSION**

The people of Ogun West Senatorial District have appealed to the State Government to make it a priority, provision of roads infrastructure, rural healthcare, education, proper Budget implementation, Human Capital Development, women and youth inclusiveness in the 2020 budget of the State. The Governor promised that all requests would be noted for consideration in the year 2020 Budget. A similar town hall meeting would be held in Ogun Central Senatorial District of the State while noting that Government would capitalise on Public Private Partnership which would engender an enabling socio-economic environment.


## 10.0 VOTE OF THANKS

The vote of thanks was given by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Budget and Planning, Alhaji H. T. Adekunle. He appreciated everyone present for attending the Ogun West Town Hall Meeting and for making the process of governance easy in Ogun State.

## NAMES OF RAPORTEURS FOR 2020 BUDGET TOWN HALL MEETING

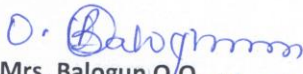
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