

**REPORT OF THE CITIZENS' ENGAGEMENT MEETING ON THE PROPOSED 2021  
BUDGET OF EKITI STATE, HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2020  
AT IKOLE, IKERE AND ADO EKITI RESPECTIVELY**

**1.0 ATTENDANCE**

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| i.    | His Excellency, Dr. John Kayode Fayemi -   | The Governor of Ekiti State                        |
| ii.   | His Excellency, Otunba Bisi Egbeyemi -   | The Deputy Governor of Ekiti State                 |
| iii.  | Rt. Hon. Funminiyi Afuye -   | Speaker, Ekiti State House of Assembly             |
| iv.   | Hon. Members, Ekiti State House of Assembly -  | (As contained in the attendance List)              |
| v.    | Hon. Femi Ajayi -  | Hon. Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning |
| vi.   | State Executive Council members -  | (As contained in the attendance List)              |
| vii.  | Mr. 'Leke Adefolaju -  | Permanent Secretary, (MB&EP)                       |
| viii. | Traditional Rulers -   | (As contained in the attendance List)              |
| ix.   | Top Government Functionaries -   | (As contained in the attendance List)              |
| x.    | Local Government Officials -   | (As contained in the attendance List)              |
| xi.   | Representatives of various towns and villages in Ekiti State -   | (As contained in the attendance List)              |
| xii.  | Representatives of Civil Society Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations and, Private Individuals. - | (As contained in the attendance List)              |
| xiii. | Mr. Sola Akinluyi -  | Director of Budget                                 |
| xiv.  | Budget Officers -  | (As contained in the attendance List)              |

**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

2.1 In consonance with the Open Government Participation Policy and the usual practice of the present Administration and the need to make Budget process participatory, bottom-up and all-inclusive, His Excellency, the Governor Dr. John Kayode Fayemi approved the engagement of the representatives of various Towns and Communities towards the preparation of 2021 Budget

2.2 The representatives of the various Towns and Communities, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Artisans, Market Women, Corporate Bodies were invited to interactive sessions with His Excellency, Dr. John Kayode Fayemi on the proposed 2021 Budget on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. The sessions provided a platform for the people to present their needs for consideration and inclusion in the 2021 Budget. The meetings, which were held across the three (3) Senatorial Districts of the State took place at the following Venues: Ikole Local Government Secretariat Hall, Ikole Ekiti, Ikere City



Hall, Ikere-Ekiti and Bishop Adetiloye Hall, Ado Ekiti. The meeting commenced at 10:00am at Ikole-Ekiti, while that of Ikere-Ekiti started by 1:00pm and Ado-Ekiti by 4:00pm.

### **3.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING**

The Citizens' Engagement on the proposed 2021 Budget was aimed at the following:

- (i) to give account of stewardship on the performance of the 2020 Budget;
- (ii) to review the impact of COVID-19 on the State's economy and the measures taken to combat the pandemic;
- (iii) to highlight the achievements of the present administration in terms of completed and on-going projects across the sixteen (16) Local Government Areas (LGAs) of the State;
- (iv) to further strengthen the cordial relationship between Ekiti State Government and the people;
- (v) to consolidate on the established principle of consultation with the good people of Ekiti State during the process of preparation of the State annual Budget for each fiscal year;
- (vi) to receive suggestions and advice on governance and policies of the Government; and
- (vii) to collate the identified needs of the Communities for inclusion in the proposed 2021 Budget in line with the five (5) pillars Agenda of the present administration.

### **4.0 BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

#### **4.1 OPENING REMARKS BY THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR BUDGET AND ECONOMIC PLANNING**

4.1.1 The Honourable Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning (HCB&EP), Hon. Femi Ajayi welcomed the Stakeholders to the meeting. He expressed appreciation to the almighty God who made the meeting a reality. He commended His Excellency, the Governor for his selflessness, energy, resourcefulness and drive in spite of his pivotal role as the Chairman of the Nigerian Governors' Forum.

4.1.2. Furthermore, he remarked that the meeting was in consonance with global best practice on open and all-inclusive budgeting process, an opportunity for Ekiti people to interact with Mr. Governor and present the needs of their various Towns and Communities.

4.1.3 The Honourable Commissioner reiterated the commitment of the Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning in ensuring consistency in the successive Budgets of the State and the five (5) Pillars of the Administration. He submitted that the 2021 Budget would focus on repositioning the socio-economic activities in the State towards economic recovery from the impact of COVID-19.



4.1.4 He enjoined the Stakeholders to make useful contributions to the 2021 Budget. He informed them of the creation of Budget Feedback Platform and encouraged them to make use of the new Budget feedback platform at [budgetdept@ekitistate.gov.ng](mailto:budgetdept@ekitistate.gov.ng) for follow up.

4.1.5. Finally, he expressed appreciation to the people for the warm reception accorded His Excellency, the Governor, Dr. John Kayode Fayemi.

## 5.0 PRESENTATION OF SOME NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION IN THE 2020 FISCAL YEAR.

5.1 From the several laudable projects carried out by the Administration, the under listed projects were highlighted:

- i. The Civic Centre in Ado Ekiti.
- ii. Ultra-Modern Market in Ado Ekiti (Project commissioned)
- iii. Water Corporation Headquarters (Near completion)
- iv. Rehabilitation of Ero Dam
- v. Rehabilitation of Egbe Dam
- vi. Ikun Dairy Farm resuscitated through PPP arrangement with Promacidor
- vii. Completion of Two Secretariat Buildings (Project commissioned)
- viii. Completion of three Model Secondary Schools in Ado Ekiti namely: Ayo-Fasanmi Model Secondary School, Ilokun-Iworoko Road, Ado-Ekiti, Banji Akintoye Oke Model Secondary School, Ijan Road, Ado-Ekiti, Daniel Oke Model Secondary School, Ikere Road, Ado-Ekiti (Projects commissioned).
- ix. Renovation of Hospital Buildings at the Teaching Hospital, Ado Ekiti (Completed)
- x. Construction of Molecular Laboratory at the Teaching Hospital, Ado Ekiti (Completed)
- xi. Procurement of Vehicles for Political Office Holders and Accounting Officers (Completed)
- xii. Renovation of House of Assembly Complex
- xiii. About fifty (50) EKCSIDA projects completed and commissioned.

## 6.0 BUSINESS OF THE DAY: INTERACTIVE SESSION

6.1 Following the presentation of the achievements of the present Administration, the representatives of the sixteen (16) Local Government Areas were invited to make comments and present their Communities' needs. Some of the needs/requests collated on Local Government Areas basis and presented at the meeting were as follows:



(i) **IKOLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Chief Lawrence Owoeye (Baba Egbe Omo Ikole) who spoke on behalf of the Local Government presented the needs as follow:

- a. Renovation of Health Facilities across the Ikole Local Government Area.
- b. Upgrading of Eleyo Market at Ikole-Ekiti to a modern Market.
- c. Improved electricity supply by energizing the Transformer at Oke-Ako
- d. Extension of Pipe-borne water to communities in Ikole Local Government.

(ii) **OYE LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Oba Michael Ademolaju (The Oloye of Oye) represented the Local Government. The Kabiyesi commended the present Administration for its Open Governance Policy and advised the Government to entertain constructive criticism as it would assist in improving on its activities. He requested for the following on behalf of Oye Local Government:

- a. Dredging of Ayegun River in Irare Quarters to control erosion.
- b. Renovation of Health Centre at Ilupeju, Oloje-Ekiti.
- c. Construction of Ilupeju-Ire road.
- d. Provision of Skill Acquisition Centre at Itapa-Ekiti.

(iii) **IDO/OSI LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Oba Ayorinde Ilori Faboye (The Olojudo of Ido-Ekiti) presented the needs of the Local Government Area as follows:

- a. Tarring of Ido-Ekiti township roads.
- b. Construction of roads and drainages across towns and villages in the Local Government.
- c. Contribution of the State Government to the development of Ido Civic Centre.
- d. Establishment of General Hospital.

(iv) **MOBA LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** His Royal Majesty, Oba Adeayo Adeagbo (The Oore of Otun) requested for the following on behalf of Moba Local Government:

- a. Extension of Pipe-borne water and electricity to Towns and Villages across the Local Government.
- b. Provsion of Transformers for Otun-Ekiti and energizing of the Transformer at Igogo-Ekiti.
- c. Upgrading of the Ekiti State Technical College, Otun-Ekiti to State Polytechnic.
- d. Ecological work at Otun, Igogo and Isaoye-Ekiti.

(v) **ILEJEMEJE LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Oba Agboola Adeleye (The Oniye of Iye-Ekiti) who represented the Local Government presented the needs as follows:

- a. Renovation of General Hospital, Iye-Ekiti.
- b. Completion of on-going projects in the Local Government Area most especially rehabilitation of Oye-Ayede-Ikun Roads.
- c. Renovation of Obas' Palaces in the Local Government Area.



d. Construction of Iludun-Ipere-Ido roads.

(vi) **IKERE LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Chief Babatola (the Sapetu of Ikere-Land) presented the request of Ikere Local Government as follows:

- a. Rehabilitation of Ikere – Akure Road and other neighbouring towns' roads.
- b. Completion of the on-going of Borehole and Reservoir projects in Ikere-Ekiti.
- c. Renovation of High Court and Magistrate Court in Ikere-Ekiti.
- d. Rehabilitation of Rural Roads.

(vii) **EMURE LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Chief C.O Akinola who spoke on behalf of the Local Government, presented the needs as follows:

- a. Rehabilitation of Emure-Supare Road and Eporo Road to Ondo State Boundary.
- b. Rehabilitation of Township Roads in Emure Local Government.
- c. Fencing of Science College, Emure Ekiti.
- d. Provision of Pipe-borne water and extension of electricity across Emure Local Government.

(viii) **EKITI EAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Mr. Daramola Mathew presented the needs of the Communities as follows:

- a. Fencing and Equipping the General Hospital at Omuo-Ekiti.
- b. Establishment of Cassava Processing Industry at Isinbode-Ekiti.
- c. Rehabilitation of rural access roads.
- d. Channelization of eroded site at Isinbode Ekiti.

(ix) **ISE/ORUN LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** HRM, Oba David Adetunji Ajayi (the Arinjale of Ise) presented the needs of the Local Government as follows:

- a. Rehabilitation of Ikere-Ise-Emure-Gbonyin Roads.
- b. Rehabilitation of rural access roads in the Local Government.
- c. Rural electrification at the various farmsteads.
- d. Rehabilitation of Uso-Ise-Agbado Roads

(x) **EKITI SOUTH WEST LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Chief Gbenga Agbona who represented the Local Government presented the needs as follows:

- a. Channelization of Drainages at Ilawe-Ekiti.
- b. Completion of Igbara Odo – Igbara Oke road.
- c. Rehabilitation of Ilawe-Ikere road.



d. Rehabilitation of Ogotun-Ipole road

(xi) **ADO-EKITI LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** High Chief Elemo spoke on behalf of Ado Local Government presented the needs as follows

- a. Construction of Omisanjana road – Deeper Life – Ajebamidele via Ikere road.
- b. Construction of road, drainage and culverts at Iwaro Zone (1) Afao Road.
- c. Installation of streetlights at Igbogun/Temidire Esunmo.
- d. Rehabilitation of Kajola/Olobe Bawa road.
- e. Completion of internal roads at Irewole-Oke Ila Housing Estate road.

(xii) **IJERO-LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Oba Ayomade Oyedeji (the Olowa of Odo-Owa) presented the needs of the Local Government as follows:

- a. Provision of Transformer at Ikoro-Ekiti.
- b. Completion of Basic Health Centre at Iloro/ Ijurin Road.
- c. Channelization of eroded part of Aafin Compound at Araromi Ekiti.
- d. Construction of motorized bore-hole and reconstruction of electricity at Ilukuno Health Centre.

(xiii) **EFON LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** HRM, Oba (Dr.) Emmanuel Aladejare (The Alaaye of Efon Alaaye) presented the needs of the Local Government as follows:

- a. Sinking of Bore-hole at Ikagbe, Irekari Estate.
- b. Provision of Solar Light/ Electricity at Emo-Quarters.
- c. Construction of Market Stalls at Irayo.
- d. Channelization of drainage at Ita Osun behind Cooperative Hotel.

(xiv) **EKITI WEST LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** The requests of the Towns and Communities under the Local Government were as follows:

- a. Completion of Ido Ile – Okemesi – Ikoro – Ijero Road.
- b. Completion of Arinta Water Fall project at Ipole Iloro-Ekiti.
- c. Construction of Erinjiyan Central Market, Atiba.
- d. Extension of Ado-Iyin road dualization to Aramoko.

(xv) **IREPODUN/IFELODUN LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** The requests of the Towns and Communities under the Local Government were as follows:

- a. Construction and rehabilitation of township roads at Igede-Ekiti.
- b. Completion of Ifaki-Esure-Eyio-Awo roads.
- c. Fencing of basic Health Centre at Igbemo-Ekiti.
- d. Completion of Oba's Palace at Awo-Ekiti.



(xvi) **GBONYIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** The requests of the Towns and Communities under the Local Government were as follows:

- a. Construction of High Court at Ode-Ekiti.
- b. Renovation of Health Centre at Iluomoba-Ekiti.
- c. Rehabilitation of Rural Access Roads at Aisegba-Ekiti.
- d. Renovation and Perimeter Fencing of Ayo Daramola Memorial Grammar School, Ijan-Ekiti

**7.0 REMARK BY THE GOVERNOR OF EKITI STATE, HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. JOHN KAYODE FAYEMI**

7.1 His Excellency, Dr. John Kayode Fayemi expressed his delight for partaking at the Citizen's Engagement Meeting on the 2021 proposed Budget. He said the meeting would enable the Government to collate the needs of the various Communities and prioritized them in the proposed 2021 Budget.

7.2 He stressed further that the meeting was part of the requirement of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) which Ekiti State was the first to adopt in the South-Western Nigeria.

7.3 He informed the Stakeholders that the meagre resources at the disposal of the State Government would not limit the level of Government's aspiration and preparedness on the implementation of developmental projects.

7.4 Reviewing the performance of the 2020 fiscal year, he stated that the 2020 Appropriation Law with a size of ₦124 Billion was reviewed downward to N91 Billion due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic which had a grave impact on the Nigerian and the Global economy. He remarked that the estimated \$50 price of crude oil and N305/ \$1 used in preparing the 2020 fiscal estimate became unrealistic as oil price plummeted to less than \$20 while the Naira was also devalued to N360 to \$1 which necessitated the downward review of the Budget size.

7.5 Mr. Governor stated that in spite of the setback caused by the pandemic, the Administration recorded achievements in construction/rehabilitation of roads, purchase of Equipment for Ekiti State Road Management Agency (EKROMA), Land clearing for food security and the partnership between the State Government and Promassidor which resuscitated the Ikun Dairy Farm.

7.6 He stated that the State Government had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Dangote Farms and Stallion Farms for the construction of Rice Mills while Promise Point shall facilitate the construction of a Cassava Mill in the State.



7.7 His Excellency assured Ekiti people on the reinvigoration of the Agricultural Development Project (ADP) in the 2021 Budget by making provision for Tractor hiring services and improved seedlings for the Farmers.

7.8 On improved Health Care Delivery services, Mr. Governor assured Ekiti people that health care facilities would be constructed/ rehabilitated in 2021. He informed the people that at least one Health Care Centre would be provided in each of the 774 wards in Ekiti State while Ekiti State Health Insurance Scheme had commenced. In addition, he informed Stakeholders that sensitization programmes would be done in this regard to assist Citizens to key into the Scheme.

7.9. The Governor stated that the Water Rehabilitation Initiative which commenced at Egbe and Ero Dams would be extended to Itapaji in year 2021 to boost the viability of its Agric Zone with Irrigation.

7.10 He indicated the readiness of his administration to complete all community and rural development projects particularly the 5 Kilometer Roads and Palaces projects. He advised elected Chairmen of Local Government Council Areas to fulfil their electioneering promises to the people. He added that Independent Power Project would commence in the State in year 2021 at Ekiti State University (EKSU), Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital (EKSUTH) and Ekiti State Secretariat.

7.11 Mr. Governor remarked that the State Government would leverage on the Nigerian Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP) to tackle ecological problems through dredging, erosion control and channelization works in the State and Local Government Areas.

7.12. He informed the Stakeholders that the 2021 Budget being the first after the novel COVID-19 pandemic would be christened "Budget of Recovery and Economic Restoration". He therefore stated that Government would provide tax relief for Micro Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (MSMEs) to boost economic activities.

7.13. He stated that the needs of the Towns and Communities would be limited to the priority projects in line with the five (5) pillars of the administration.

7.14 In conclusion, he expressed appreciation to the Stakeholders comprising the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Royal Fathers, Market Women, Artisans and others for their contributions and support for the Administration.



8.0 CLOSING

8.1 The meetings ended at Ado-Ekiti, in the Ekiti Central Senatorial district with the vote of thanks said by Honourable (Mrs.) Omotunde Fajuyi, Chairman, Ado-Ekiti Local Government. She expressed her appreciation to Mr. Governor for bringing governance to their door step. She assured Mr. Governor of the continued and unflinching supports of all the Stakeholders in the State.

7.2. The meetings ended at Ado Ekiti at 6.02 pm with recitation of Ekiti State Anthem.



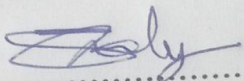
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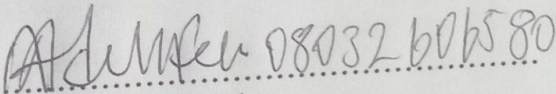
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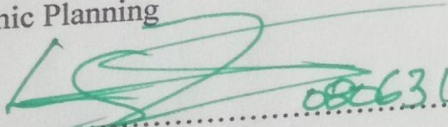


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