

**REPORT OF THE CITIZENS' ENGAGEMENT MEETING ON THE COVID-19 RESPONSIVE
2020 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET OF EKITI STATE, HELD AT THE CONFERENCE HALL,
OLD GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, ADO-EKITI ON MONDAY, 8th JUNE, 2020**

1.0 ATTENDANCE

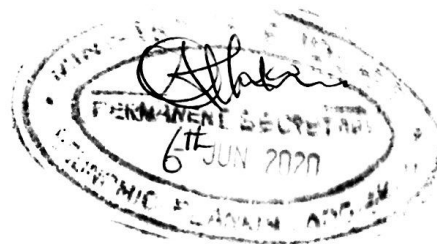
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| i. | Honourable Olufemi Ajayi | - | Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning |
| ii. | Mr. 'Leke Adefolaju | - | Permanent Secretary, Budget & Economic Planning |
| iii. | Mr. Sola Akinluyi | - | Director of Budget, Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning |
| iv. | Mr. Segun Olusola | - | Director of Community Development, Ministry of Local Government & Community Development |
| v. | Traditional Rulers | - | (As contained in the Attendance List) |
| vi. | Local Government Officials | - | (As contained in the Attendance List) |
| vii. | Representatives of various Towns & Villages in Ekiti State | - | (As contained in the Attendance List) |
| viii. | Representatives of Civil Society Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Private Individuals | - | (As contained in the Attendance List) |
| ix. | Budget Officers | - | (As contained in the Attendance List) |

2.0 OPENING

2.1 The meeting commenced at 10.30am with opening prayer said by Mr. Leye Fagbemi, a representative from Ipao Community in Ikole Local Government.

2.2 The Director of Budget welcomed the participants to the meeting. He informed them that the meeting was in line with the open Government policy of the present administration and the need to articulate input of Stakeholders into the Ekiti State COVID-19 responsive 2020 Revised Budget. He stated that the engagement meeting would be held in sessions in adherence to the COVID-19 protocol on social distancing. He reeled out the grouping of participants into Local Government Areas.

2.3 He stated that the outbreak of Corona virus pandemic globally was a bane towards the implementation of the 2020 approved Budget which necessitated the review of the Budget. He, therefore, invited the Honourable Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning for his remarks.



3.0. **REMARKS BY THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR BUDGET AND ECONOMIC PLANNING (HCBEP)**

3.1 The HCBEP welcomed the participants to the engagement meeting. He expressed his appreciation to them for their unflinching support for the present administration. He noted that the meeting was in fulfilment of the policy of the present administration to make governance participatory and inclusive and in conformity with global best practice of bottom-up approach in budgeting process. He expressed appreciation to His Excellency, the Governor for strengthening fiscal policies in Ekiti State. He congratulated the participants on their nomination to represent their various communities and organizations, which he said was as a result of their integrity. He, therefore, enjoined them to justify the confidence reposed in them.

3.2 The HCBEP remarked that the outbreak of the novel COVID-19 had threatened the implementation of the 2020 approved Budget as the Parameters, Assumptions and Indicators (PAI) used to prepared the Budget had changed. He emphasized that the price of crude oil was pegged at \$50 for the 2020 Budget but it plummeted to an all-time record low of \$18 in April, 2020. He also informed the participants that the Naira was devalued from ₦305 to ₦360.

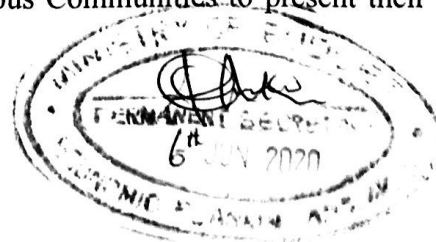
3.3 Following the changes in the Parameters, coupled with the recommendations of the development Partners, the HCBEP stated that Mr. Governor had directed that the 2020 Budget be reviewed to reflect the economic trend. He equally informed the meeting of the directive of the Governor to articulate the inputs of the various towns, villages, communities and other critical bodies such as CSOs, NGOs and Professional bodies in the State for the 2020 Revised Budget in response to COVID-19 pandemic.

3.5 Finally, the Honourable Commissioner enjoined participants to make useful contributions by focusing on projects that were COVID -19 responsive. He stated that the needs of the Communities could be forwarded to the Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning not later than Tuesday, 9th June, 2020.

4.0 **BUSINESS OF THE DAY: INTERACTIVE SECTIONS**

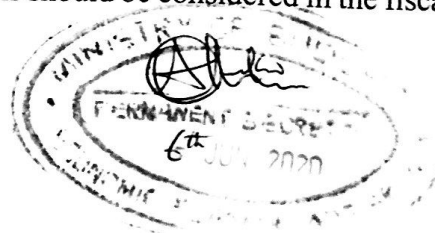
4.1 The sessions were anchored by the Director, Budget. He advised participants to dwell mostly on programmes and projects which were tailored towards the containment of the COVID-19 pandemic. He remarked that recommendations and modalities on how to improve the State Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) would be welcomed as integral part of the 2020 Supplementary Budget.

4.2 Consequently, he invited participants from the various Communities to present their needs, make comments and observations.



Responses from the Participants

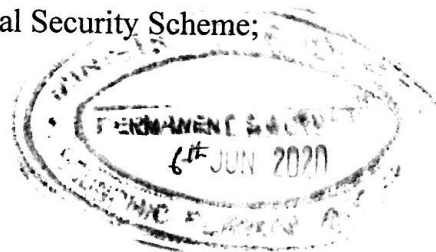
- i. Prof. C.T Oluwadare who represented the Centre for Better Health and Community Development commended the present administration on its effort to consistently engage Ekiti people in the preparation of its both Annual and Revised Budget. He advised the Government to invest in long term programmes and projects for the Primary Health Institutions in the State to curtail the impact of the virus on Ekiti State economy. In addition, he stated that consideration should be given to women and children from the conception to the implementation of Government programmes and projects. Finally, he advised the Government to provide COVID-19 testing centres in the rural areas in the State to prevent community spread of the virus.
- ii. Mr. Fakunle Kehinde from Iye-Ekiti requested Government to ensure that the welfare of Health Workers who were at the frontline of containing the spread of the pandemic should be prioritized. He recommended the procurement and distributions of Water Dispensers, Sanitizers and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Ekiti State workforce as well as strengthening workplace policies in relation to COVID-19
- iii. Chief Adebajji Owolabi (the Balogun of Ikole Land) advocated for the development of health management and Health Care facilities in the State.
- iv. Honourable Clement Ojo who represented Omuo-Ekiti implored the Government to ensure provision and distribution of palliatives across the State. He equally recommended that security of border towns of the State should be strengthened to control the inflow of people from other State.
- v. Mr. Olajide Funso B. of *Disability not a Barrier Initiative* advised Government to implement the proposed Budget with equity and ensure that no one was marginalized. He admonished Government to sensitize the People Living with Disability (PWD) on the steps being taken to contain the pandemic. He also requested for the provision for empowerment of PWD in the Budget.
- vi. Mr. J.S Ariyo from Ilogbo recommended strict enforcement of the use of facial mask and that Government should projects strategically to benefit the Communities in view of the limited resources.
- vii. Mr. George Idowu from Efon-Alaaye requested that the free health programme for women and children should be sustained in the Supplementary Budget. He also advised that the social investment scheme and other empowerment programmes for youths should be considered in the fiscal document.



- viii. Mr. Olumide Fadipe who represented Orin-Ekiti requested Government to ensure provision of drugs at its various health facilities in the State.
- ix. Mr. J.O Olukayode from Okemesi Ekiti appealed to the Government to look beyond oil revenue by focusing critically on the agricultural sector. He stressed further that provisions for Youths' enlightenment and empowerment on Agriculture should be included in the Budget.
- x. Mr. Ojo Abayomi from Araye community advised the Government to create necessary awareness on the proposed Land Use Charge in Ekiti State in order to improve the State's IGR. He also requested for the establishment of Research and Cottage Industries in the State.
- xi. Chief Bode Osanyinlusi who represented Igede-Ekiti requested for the construction and rehabilitation of rural roads across the State for ease of transporting farm produce from various farmsteads to the markets.
- xii. Mrs. Abimbola Aladejare who represented the *New Generation & Women Development Initiative* admonished Ekiti State Government to consolidate on its achievement on Youth development by including youth sensitization and enlightenment programmes in the supplementary Budget.

5.0 RESPONSE BY THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR BUDGET & ECONOMIC PLANNING

- 5.1 The Honourable Commissioner thanked the Participants for their brilliant contributions and recommendations towards the development of the State. He assured them that all the requests would be addressed in the supplementary Budget vis-à-vis the available resources most especially, the recommendations on the containment of the pandemic. He lauded the useful suggestions on how to improve the State's IGR.
- 5.2 The HCBEP stated that the Government would consider the requests of the communities for necessary action. He noted that the Government would embark on the following programmes and projects in the second half of the 2020 fiscal year:
- i. upgrading of existing health facilities in the State;
 - ii. provision of Primary Health Care Centres in each Ward of the State;
 - iii. provision of palliatives to Ekiti People through the Social Security Scheme;

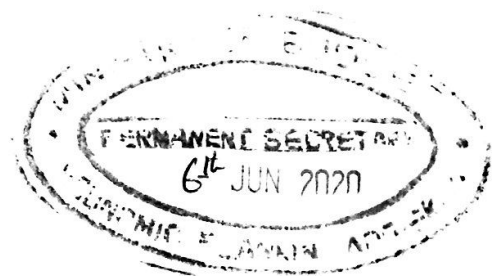


- iv. improvement on the ease-of-doing-business in the State to attract Investors into the State. He stated that the State had concluded arrangements to collaborate with organizations such as Dangote Groups and Stallion to site their businesses in Ekiti State;
- v. establishment of agricultural processing zones in the State one of which would be sited along Ipao-Iyemero axis of the State;
- vii land clearing as incentive for the cultivation of arable crops for potential Investors;
- viii. construction of various rural roads across the State through the World Bank Assisted Rural Agriculture Access Marketing Project (RAMMP); and
- ix. implementation of the Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP) to tackle associated problem of environmental degradation such as erosion, flooding etc. in affected parts of the State.


6.0 **CLOSING REMARK**

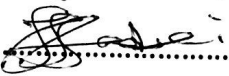
6.1 The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning appreciated the participants for their robust contributions. He remarked that Ekiti State was proud to have them as leaders of Towns and Villages across the State. He prayed for rapid development of the State. He wished the participants safe trip to the respective communities.


6.2 The meeting rose at 4.10pm with the grace said in unison.




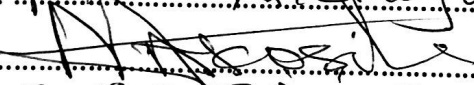
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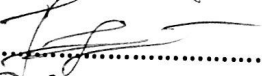
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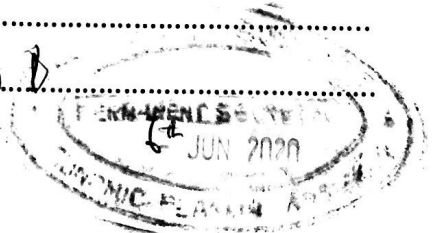
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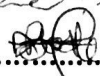
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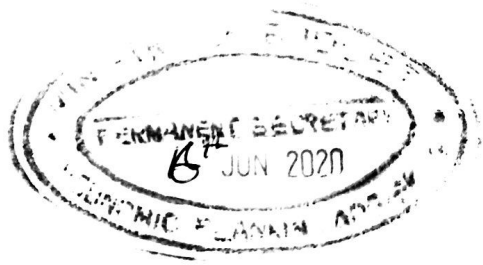
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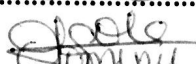
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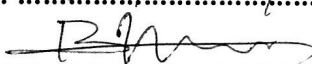



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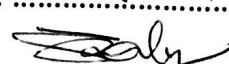
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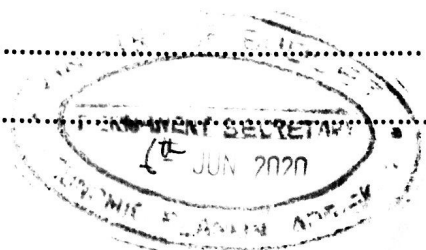
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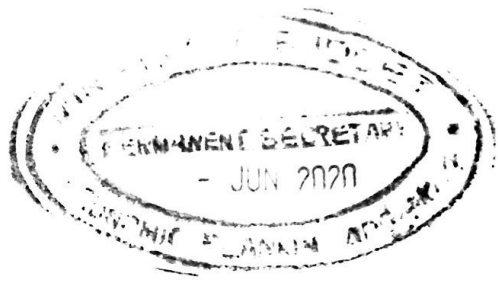
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The Honorable Commissioner,
For Budget and Economic Planning,
Ado-Ekiti.

Sir,

First and foremost, on behalf of Igede-Ekiti Community, I want to use this medium to thank and appreciate His Excellency, Dr, John Kayode Fayemi, MON for organizing this type of stake holders council meeting and at the same time allowing representatives of each community attend and participate. May God in His infinite mercy enrich your knowledge with wisdom and understanding to take Ekiti State to the next level.

Sir, **having it in mind**, the crush of the **COVID-19** pandemic on the world economy, we hereby present the following **requests** among others.

1. (a) **ROAD LINKS IGEDE EKITI WITH ERIJIYAN**. It is about eight kilometers along the road we have Mater Christi Girls High School, Mater Christi College Of Health Technology, Mater Christi Comprehensive Health centre, Government Health centre on going, Two Primary Schools, Two palm oil refineries, lock up shops and neighborhood markets apart from leading to different farms.

FOR THE ECONOMY REALITY ON GROUND: Government can graciously assist the community and Mater Christi (an International School) to repair the road from ATIBA MARKET TO MATER CHRISTI Junction. It is just about few meters. The road is an eye sore to the visitors. All efforts made by the Community concerned to repair the road proved abortive.

(b) Road from Araromi Baptist Church through Okoro to Express road is not motorable. The vehicle owners living there used to park outside away from home. For your Information, It is not ought to a kilometer and needs urgent repair.

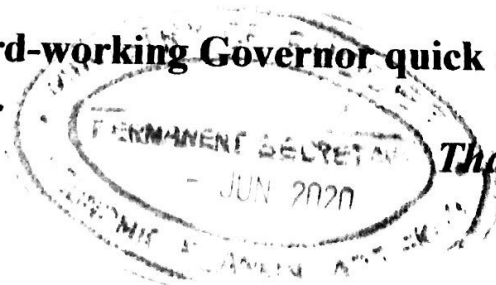
(c) Common Road from Aramoko/Awo/Igede junction to Urin, Odogede, Igede Ekiti is the only alternative road when there is problem on the main road. The road is just a few meters.

2. Farm Roads to all our farm settlements are just too bad. The Okada riders are running away from carrying farm produce from the farm because of the dilapidated condition of the roads.

3. **WATER: Our people are suffering from portable water. We need functional portable water like sinking boreholes in all Quarters in Igede Ekiti.**

We will always continue to give our unalloyed support to our amiable Governor and his government to realize his laudable programmes for the good people of Ekiti State.

To this end, we wish our hard-working Governor quick recovery from this Coronavirus deadly disease.



Thank you and God bless.

The Hon. Commissioner,
For Budget and Economic Planning,
Ekiti – State.

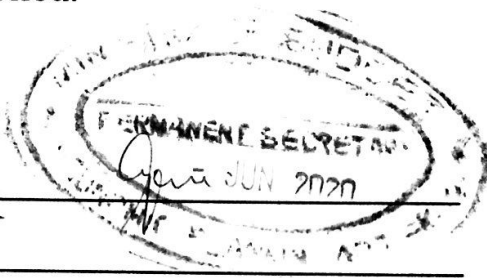
Dear Sir,

**REQUEST/INPUTS OF IKERE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COVID – 19 ON
RESPONSIVE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET OF EKITI – STATE**

1. Upgrading of College of Education Ikere Ekiti to a University.
2. Construction of Ajolagun Bridge along Ijare road, Ikere – Ekiti, this will ensure students and community affected safety and also improve the social – economic activities of the area.
3. Construction of same road i.e Ikere - Ijare road.
4. Rehabilitation/construction of Ikere – Ijare road which was flagged off in 2014.
5. Rehabilitation of Ikere – Igbara-Odo road.
6. Rehabilitation of the damaged Handog Boreholes in the town.
7. Completion of the Antisan well located at Odo-Ebu, Afao Ikere which is at 70% completion.
8. Construction of five (5) kilometers road and drainages to check the incessant annual flooding in the local government.
9. Grading/tarring of rural roads to assist farmers in conveying their products to the town.

While thanking the executive governors Dr. John Kayode Fayemi in anticipation for quick response to the affirmationed.

God bless Ekiti – State. Thanks.



1. High Chief Ayeni (The Ologotun of Ikere): _____
2. Pastor Oyebode Kayode: _____
3. Hon. Daramola Abiodun: _____
4. Hon. Amonimo Olusola: _____















