

**REPORT OF STAKEHOLDERS’
TOWN HALL MEETING ON
CITIZENS ENGAGEMENT ON
THE STATE BUDGETING
PROCESS HELD AT THE THREE
SENATORIAL ZONES OF
PLATEAU STATE**

PLATEAU CENTRAL SENATORIAL

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REPORT OF STAKEHOLDERS' TOWN HALL MEETING ON CITIZENS ENGAGEMENT ON THE STATE BUDGETING PROCESS HELD AT THE CENTRAL SENATORIAL ZONES OF THE STATE.

CENTRAL ZONE ON THE 25TH OF OCTOBER, 2018

The Director of Budget led a group to the Chairman of Pankshin Local Government Mr. John Damap to intimate him on the readiness of the ministry to carry out the advertised program as planned for the state. The purpose of the visit is to make sure that the occasion is well attended by stakeholders.

1.0 ATTENDANCE

The meeting was well attended by stakeholders from Pankshin, Mangu, Bokkos, Kanke, Kanam Local governments that made up the zone. The team for the event in the Central Zone was led by the Hon. Commissioner, Permanent Secretaries, Directors and staff of the Ministries of Budget & Economic Planning and Finance respectively. Also in attendance was the Committee Chairman, House Committee on Appropriation, Alh. Yahaya Adamu.

Agenda of the program was distributed to invited stakeholders at the point of registration.

1.1 OPENING PRAYERS

The meeting commenced at about 12:15pm with a word of prayer by Rev. Barnabas Kebang.

1.2 WELCOMING ADDRESS

The welcome address was delivered by the Director of Budget whom in his remark appreciated stakeholders for their attendance despite the short notice. He appealed to them to contribute freely to the success of the program by making meaningful suggestions.

1.3 SPEECH BY THE HON. COMMISSIONER MINISTRY OF BUDGET AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

The Hon. Commissioner stated in his address that the rationale behind the meeting was to strengthen transparency and accountability of government programs which centered on the five pillar policy thrust of the Rescue Administration of Rt. Hon. Simon B. Lalong.

The commissioner reiterated government's commitment towards completion of on-going projects started by the past administration. Government

awarded new ones despite the state's lean financial resources and noted the vital roles of citizens in the state's budgeting process.

1.4 GOODWILL MESSAGES.

Goodwill messages came from House Committee Chairman on appropriation, Chairmen of Pankshin, Kanke, Mangu, Bokkos local government councils and the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Finance.

In their separate remarks, they commended the Ministry for organizing the meeting where citizens can contribute their quarter towards the budget process..

2.0 PRESENTATIONS.

- i. The Director of Budget, Mr. Paul V. Wuyep, while presenting the objectives of the meeting said this was to enlighten stakeholders on revenue and expenditure pattern of government.
Other objectives highlighted by the Director were to engage stakeholders in the budget process, to increase openness and easy access to budget documentation.
- ii. Presentation of MTEF was done by the Director of Planning, Mr. Pam Mancha. He noted that, MTEF was a concept practiced internationally but Plateau State recently adopted. The practice demands that government programs be captured in conformity with the existing Micro-economic indices in line with Federal Government projection of revenue.
The presenter noted the objectives to include; Transparency, allocation of resources by sectors, enables correction of previous budget in a multi-year framework etc.

3.0 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM STAKEHOLDERS.

Stakeholders while contributing gave kudos to the Government for organizing the forum and submitted that;

- i. More women should be involved in this kind of meeting.
- ii. Engaging citizens in the state budget process is highly commendable.
- iii. Local government should emulate the method adopted by the State Government.
- iv. Engaging citizens from the grass root will enable them evaluate, monitor and own the budget.
- v. The meeting should be organized from time to time.

- vi. More teachers be recruited in government schools and more hospitals be built.
- vii. Government should concentrate on small projects than gigantic projects that are not usually completed.
- viii. Empowerment and education be given more priority.
- ix. Economic summit be organized to fine tune ways of utilizing our resources.
- x. Fertilizers be distributed in good time before the onset of rainy season.
- xi. Reviving of groundnut farming in Kanam be considered.
- xii. Patronage of cotton production was poor.
- xiii. Reviving of Annual Agricultural Show as key to the growth of our economy.
- xiv. Tomatoes storage facilities should be constructed in tomato producing areas.
- xv. Security should be given more priority.
- xvi. Some health workers do not stay in their places of work because of lack of accommodation and incentives.
- xvii. Continuity by the Rescue Administration was highly commendable.
- xviii. New and existing Revenue sources in the state should be explored to avoid over dependence on Federal Government Revenue.

4.0 PROJECTS IDENTIFIED PER LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

i. Pankshin L.G.A

- Complain of roads and poor GSM network facilities.
- Complain of late distribution of fertilizers
- Abandoned road project, from Government College Pankshin to Duk-Fier up to Kadung be captured.
- Drilling of boreholes in some communities was requested.
- Construction of Pankshin – Wokkos road be revisited.
- Renovation of Pankshin General Hospital be completed.

ii. Mangu L.G.A

- Construction of the Mangu by-pass up to Sobon-layi.
- Construction of Chip to Jipal road be considered.
- Construction of Mangun to Chakfem road be considered
- Construction of Mangu to Bokkos road be captured.
- Construction of Gindiri Langai Bridge was requested.

iii. Kanam L.G.A

- Rehabilitation of dilapidated road from Dangi to Wase.
- There was a road contract that was awarded but only bridges were constructed.
- Construction of road from Amper to Dangi be considered
- Shortages of teachers in schools be noted.
- Extraction of mineral deposit to boost revenue be noted.

iv. Kanke L.G.A

- Completion of renovation general hospital be captured.

v. Bokkos L.G.A

- Early distribution of fertilizer requested.

5.0 RESPONSE BY THE HON. COMMISSIONER MOB & EP

The Hon. Commissioner while responding to some issues said, some projects had not been executed because of lean resources but will be executed when funds are made available. Other issue dwelled on by the Commissioner was security which he said some aspect of the security was being handled at the federal level.

In a related development, the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Finance called on parents to encourage children to engage in small scale businesses while local government chairmen to emulate the governor by completing their predecessors projects.

5.1 VOTE OF THANKS.

This was delivered by the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning.

In his remark, the Permanent Secretary submitted that government has initiated some programs like N-Power, Skill Acquisition, SUCHO, CSDA etc to improve the living standard of its citizens and said issues discussed will be captured for onward consideration.

5.2 CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting ended with a word of prayer by the representative of the JNl at about 3:05pm.

B	CENTRAL ZONE	MDA RESPONSIBLE
	PANKSHIN	
1.	Abandon road from government college Pankshin-Duk be captured in the budget.	LOCAL GOVT.
2.	Early distribution of fertilizers to be noted.	MOA
3.	Drilling of boreholes requested.	PRUWASSA
4.	Construction of wokkos road be revisited.	MOW
5.	Renovation of Pankshin General Hospital.	MOH
	MANGU	
1.	Construction of road by-pass to Sabon Lai.	MOW
2.	Construction of Chip Jipal road.	MOW
3.	Construction of mangun Chakfem road.	MOW
4.	Construction of Mangu-Bokkos road.	MOW
5.	Construction of Gindiri-Langai bridge	
	BOKKOS	
1.	Early distribution of fertilizers requested.	MOA
	KANAM	
1.	Rehabilitation of dilapidated road from Dengi to Wase.	MOW & ROAD MAINTENANCE
2.	Note on road awarded with only bridges constructed.	MOW
3.	Construction of roads from Amper to Dengi	MOW
4.	Shortage of teachers in schools.	MOE (SECONDARY)
5.	Extraction of mineral deposit to boost revenue.	ME&MD
	KANKE	
1.	Completion of General Hospital requested.	MOH



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PERMANENT SECRETARY MOBEP- MR JAMES DALYOP (PRESENTATION)



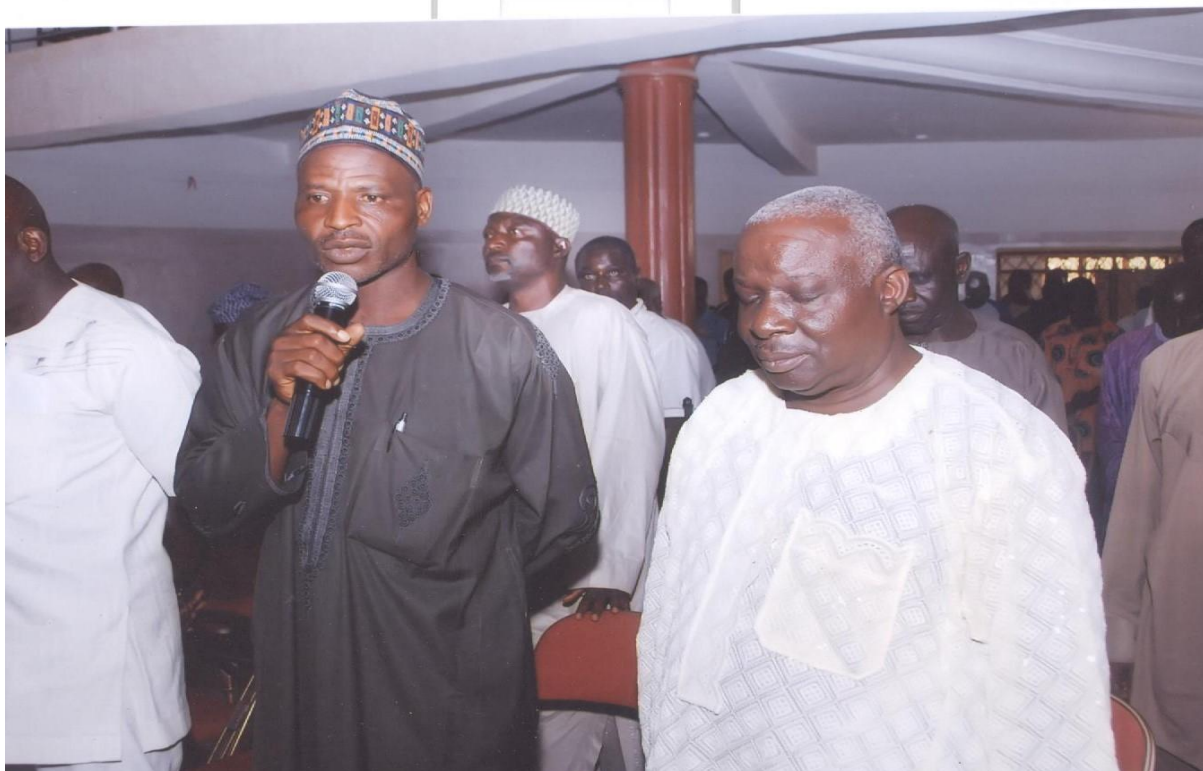
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DIRECTOR BUDGET-BEREAU FOR BUDGET MOBEP- MR. PAUL V. WUYEP (SHOWING COPY OF BUDGET BOOKLET)



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FROM L TO R MR. PAUL V. WUYEP, MR. PAM MANCHA, MR. PAUL DANIEL & ALHAJI SANI YAHAYA**



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ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION



CROSS SECTION OF PARTICIPANTS (OPENING)



LGA) PANKSHIN

CHAIRMAN PANKSHIN LGA (HOST



REPRESENTATION KANAM LGA CHAIRMAN



REPRESENTATION MANGU LGA



REPRESENTATION KANKE LGA



REPRESENTATION BOKKOS LGA



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GROUP PICTURE MOBEP, MOF, CSOs, NGOs AND LGCs CHAIRMEN



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