**The Chairman,**

**House of representative Committee on Appropriation,**

**National Assembly Complex,**

**Abuja.**

**Dear Honourable Chairman,**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES AND INSTITUTIONS ON THE 2021 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR MDAs UNDRE THE COMMITTEE TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ABUJA**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The House Committee on Colleges and Institutions conducted the budget performance of 2020 projects and 2021 proposal defense of the MDAs under its oversight on 3rd to 6th November, 2020. The Committee further deliberated on the budget through two subcommittees with inputs from the consultants of the committee. The Honourable Chairman of subcommittee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions, Agricultural Production, and Rural Development of your Committee Hon. Adedeji Stanley Olajide and Hon. Manu Soro Mansur were present during all the processes and contributed immensely to the output of the report. The Committee acknowledges their contributions.

The 2021 Budget Proposal was thoroughly scrutinized, agency by agency and the following observations were made:

* 1. There exists a great disparity between allocation of funds to agencies of similar mandates such that one agency is allocated several times as much funds as the other agency of similar mandates.
  2. The observation above made us to investigate the envelopes received from the Ministry and compared this with the documents the Agencies submitted for their budget defence. In some cases, the amount contained in the envelopes from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is much lower than the amount contained in the document submitted, which shows that there was tinkering of funds to such Agencies from extraneous sources.
  3. It was similarly observed that in many Agencies, over 80% of their funds were allocated to infrastructures to the total neglect of the mandate programmes of such agencies. This, we observed, is totally wrong.
  4. It was also observed that some regulatory agencies abandoned their mandates and ventured into researches which do not concern them.
  5. We also observed that, while some projects have no specific locations, some were duplicated within and without agencies. Such projects are also allocated huge and unexplainable funds.
  6. As the work was progressing, we received a letter from the Small Scale Women Farmers Association of Nigeria (SOWOFON) of the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) which was passed to us by the Chairman. The body put together their observation on the 2021 Budget, which is here attached as Annexure A, which vindicated our earlier observations.
  7. In view of all of these anomalies, we decided to formulate a template (Annexure B) to guide our work. The reports on each of the Agencies is hereby attached as Annexure C.
  8. A 2021 Comparative Analysis of FGN Executive Proposal and Capital Projects Appropriated by National Assembly is also attached as Annexure D.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on advice from the Appropriations Committee, the Committee retained the Recurrent Expenditure (Personnel and Overhead Costs) of the MDAs. However,

The Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions extends it hand of friendship to you. Please accept assurances of our highest regards.

Thank you.

Hon. Munir Babba Dan-Agundi

Chairman

**ANNEXURE C.**

**AGENCY BY AGENCY REPORT ON THE DEFENCE OF THE 2021 BUDGET PROPOSAL.**

1. **College of Produce Inspection and Stored Products Technology**.

The sum of **₦100,000,000** (One Hundred Million Naira) added to the College Budget for the construction of more class room blocks at the permanent site for the improvement of teaching facilities; and development of fruit and vegetables storage structures in the permanent site.

1. **National Institute for Oil Palm Research, Benin.**

A total of **₦ 100,000,000** (One Hundred Million Naira) was added to beef up research and development of Tissue Culture Laboratory for date palm at Dutse Station, Jigawa State.

1. **Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru.**

The sum of **₦ 400,000,000** (Four Hundred Million Naira) to be added to their budget for proper take-off of the University.

1. **National Agricultural Extension and Research Liaison Services (NAERLS), Zaria.**

The sum of **₦120,000,000** (One Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) was added to improve Extension activities in the Country.

1. **Federal College of Agriculture, Akure**

The sum of **₦110,000,000** (One Hundred and Ten Million Naira) added for the development of Model Crops and livestock farming including procurement of implements, tractors and feed mill; and for construction of new Laboratory, procurement of Laboratory equipment and consumables.

1. **Federal College of Agriculture, Moore plantation, Ibadan.**

The sum of **₦80,000,000** (Eighty Million Naira) added to improve teachings and research facilities.

1. **Federal College of Animal Health and Production ,Ibadan.**

The sum of **₦70,000,000** (Seventy Million Naira) added to improve teaching and research facilities.

1. **Federal College of Animal Health and Production, Vom.**

The sum of **₦110,000,000** (One Hundred and Ten Million Naira) added to improve teaching and research facilities.

1. **Federal College of Veterinary and Medical Laboratory Technology, Vom**

The sum of **₦200,000,000** (Two Hundred Million Naira) added to improve teaching and research facilities and to argument the lack of budget last year.

1. **Federal College of Land Resources, Owerri.**

The sum of **₦90,000,000** (Ninety Million Naira) added to improve teaching and research facilities.

1. **Federal College of Land Resources, Jos**

The sum of **₦100, 000,000** (One Hundred Million Naira) added to improve teaching and research facilities.

1. **Agricultural Research and management Institute, Ilorin.**

The sum of **₦**273,000,000 (Two Hundred and Seventy Three Million Naira) was reduced and reallocated to projects within and outside the Institute.

1. **National Cereal Crops Research Institute, Baddegi**

The sum of **₦**50,000,000 (Fifty Million Naira) was reduced and reallocated to projects on breeder and foundation seed production.

1. **National Root Crops Research Institute, Umudike.**

The sum of **₦**20,000,000 (Twenty Million Naira) was reduced and redistributed to projects to strengthen genetic improvement and seed development.

1. **National Animal Production Research Institute, Zaria.**

The budget was reprioritized to create funds for research and training of Scientists.

1. **National Horticultural Research Institute, Ibadan**

The budget was reprioritized to create funds for research and establishment of additional outstation.

1. **Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta.**

The budget was reprioritized to create funds for additional lecture theaters.

1. **Federal University of Agriculture, Markurdi**

The budget was reprioritized to make provision for a blocks of four classrooms.

1. **Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike.**

The budget was reprioritized to make provision for two blocks of three classrooms each.

1. **Cocoa Research Institute**

The budget was reprioritized to make provision to research of its mandate crops.

1. **Institute for Agricultural Research and Training, Ibadan.**

The sum of **₦**100,000,000 (One Hundred Million Naira) was reprioritize for projects within and outside the Institute.

1. **National Institute for Fresh Water Fisheries, New Bussa.**

The budget was reprioritized to make provision for research of its mandate crops.

1. **Federal College of Agriculture, Ishiagu.**

The sum of **₦**150,000,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Million Naira) was reduced to priority projects in other agencies.

1. **Federal College of Fisheries, Baga.**

The sum of **₦**265,000,000 (Two Hundred and Sixty Five Million Naira) was reduced to augment the budget of other centres because it currently has 56 students.

1. **Federal Cooperative College, Ibadan.**

The sum of **₦**100,000,000 (One Hundred Million Naira) was reduced to augment the budget of other centres.

1. **Federal Cooperative College, Kaduna.**

The sum of **₦**95,000,000 (Ninety Five Million Naira) reduced to beef up the budget of other agencies.

1. **Federal college of horticulture, Dadinkowa.**

The sum of **₦**47,000,000 (Forty-Seven Million Naira) was reduced to beef up the budget of other Institutions.

1. **Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria, Abuja.**

The sum was appropriately allocated.

1. **Lake Chad Research Institute, Maiduguri.**

The sum of **₦**125,000,000 (One Hundred and Twenty Five Million Naira) reduced to augment the budget of other agencies with low budgets.

1. **Veterinary Research Institute, Vom.**

The funds were appropriately reallocated in projects within the Institute.

1. **Institute of Agricultural Research, Zaria.**

**₦**400,000,000 (Four Hundred Million Naira) was reduced to augment the budget of other agencies with low allocation.

1. **Rubber Research Institute, Benin.**

The sum of **₦**236,000,000 (Two Hundred and Thirty Six Million Naira) reduced to argument the budget of other agencies with low budgetary allocation.

1. **Federal College of Fresh Water Fisheries Technology, New Bussa.**

The sum of **₦**400,000,000 (Four Hundred Million Naira) was deducted to be used for reallocation to other Institutions with low budgets.

1. **Nigeria Institute of Oceanography and Marine Research, Lagos.**

The sum of ₦3,760,000,000 was reduced to arrive at a balance ₦1,773,787,600 (One Billion Seven Hundred and Seventy Three Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Naira) which is close to the actual envelop of ₦1,863,787,600 (One Billion Eight Hundred and Sixty Three Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Naira) given by the Ministry of Agriculture.

1. **Federal College of Fisheries and Marine Technology, Lagos.**

The budget allocation reduced by N1,740,000,000 close to the envelop provided by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture (N1,241,953,214).

1. **Federal Co-operative College, Oji River.**

The budget submitted by the college reflected exact amount of the envelop given to the college by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture (**₦**1,113,841,389) (One Billion One Hundred and Thirteen Million, Eight Hundred and Forty One Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Nine Naira) which was lower than the budget submitted to the executive (**₦**2,262,741,389). Therefore we only worked on what was proposed by the agency. Which was reduced by **₦**381,000,000. (Three Hundred and Eighty One Million Naira)

1. **Nigeria Stored Products Research Institute Ilorin.**

The budget submitted by the college reflected the exact amount of the envelop given to the college by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture (**₦**4,295,859,643) which was lower than the amount submitted by the executive (**₦**5, 450,716, 389). The budget reduced by **₦**2,388, 000,000 to reflect the true projections of the budget.

1. **Nigerian Institute of Soil Science.**

The sum of **₦**120,000,000 (One Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) reduced to beef up research in agencies with low budgetary allocations.

1. **Federal Department of Extension, FMALD**.

Budget Proposal yet to be submitted.

1. **Federal Department of Cooperative**

Budget Proposal yet to be submitted.