



It all started on December 8, 2015, when the Federal Government proposed a **₦6.07T** budget for 2016.

2 weeks later – on December 22, 2015, President Buhari presented a **₦6.07T** 2016 budget to National Assembly.

Following 3 months of drama and controversy, the Senate finally passed the 2016 budget (**₦6.06T**) - on Wednesday 23 March, having been reduced by **₦17B**.

2016 BUDGET TIMELINE

2015	Dec. 8	FG proposes ₦6T budget for 2016, plans ₦1.8T capital vote.
	Dec. 15	Reps raise doubts over \$38 benchmark for 2016 budget, advises shift to non-oil revenues.
	Dec. 16	President Buhari to present ₦6T 2016 budget to National Assembly next Tuesday.
2016	Dec. 22	President presents 2016 budget to NASS.
	Jan. 12	Senate begins budget consideration.
	Jan. 13	Budget declared missing, Minister Udoma denies withdrawing budget, Reps copy intact.
	Jan. 14	Senate's investigative panel quizzes 5 senate workers #MissingBudge. Senate awaits committee report on missing budget.
	Jan. 15	Senate accuses presidency of floating fake budget.
	Jan. 17	President Buhari writes NASS to correct errors in budget.
	Jan. 19	Senate delays budget debate, as Buhari seeks adjustment on Appropriation Bill.
		Senate unanimously adopts corrected version of budget, begins debate; promises to pass 2016 budget in February.



Jan. 22	PDP reps query ₦4B budget for Presidential Villa Clinic.
Jan. 27	Reps query ₦20B consultancy votes in Budget, yet pass 2016 budget for second reading.
Jan. 28	Senate fixes Feb. 25 for passage of budget. North Central reps complain of unfair treatment of zone in 2016 budget.
Feb. 1	FG seeks \$3.5B emergency loans from World Bank & AfDB to make for budget deficit.
Feb. 2	Senate alleges inflation of education budget by ₦10B .
Feb. 4	Senate uncovers ₦275M hidden in budget for Ministry of Industry, as House of Reps retains ₦6.07T budget.
Feb. 5	Reps query ₦3B budget proposal for limited liability firm.
Feb. 8	NASS calls on President Buhari to investigate alleged budget padding by some top civil servants.
Feb. 9	Minister Adewole alleges distortion of budget for health, promises to submit new proposal. Senate panel walks out FRSC and SGF teams. #BudgetDefense NASS announces indefinite suspension of date for passage of 2016 budget.
Feb. 10	FG admits errors in budget figures, threatens perpetrators. Senate rejects ₦400M budget for PIB preparation and review of Gas master plan. NASS commends National Railway Corporation management, promises support in 2016 budget. State House Perm. Sec. successfully defends ₦3.2B Clinic budget before Senate Committee. Governor Fayose wants 2016 budget withdrawn and represented by Buhari. <i>Hidden ₦10B in education budget meant for UBEC, typo made by National Planning & Budget Ministry - Sen. Garba Binta (Adamawa North)</i>
Feb. 11	Minister Udoma appeals to NASS to ensure retention of 30% budgetary provision for capital projects. ₦108M double allocation found in NIMET budget. FG cuts Army's budget from ₦526B to ₦139B .



Feb. 15	Following budget defense process, NASS set to resume next day.
	President Buhari sacks Director General of Budget and heads of 25 other agencies.
	Federal Ministers to send adjusted budget figures to NASS in order to prevent withdrawal and rewriting.
Feb. 16	Reps plan to pass budget in 2nd week of March.
Feb. 17	Senate re-adjourns plenary again to clean up budget.
Feb. 19	Minister Udoma and Auditor General of the Federation (Samuel Ukura) contradict each other on budgeting system.
	<i>"All the noise about the budget is all about this issue of CCT trial" - Sen. Marafa (Zamfara Central)</i>
	Sen. Marafa protests planned suspension from Senate after linking budget crisis to SP Saraki's CCT trial.
Feb. 22	<i>"The budget will no longer be the same by the time it leaves NASS. Money will go where it is needed, though we will retain N6.07T" - Sen. Namdas (Media Committee Chairman)</i>
Feb. 23	<i>"What happened clearly was that they took the budget of 2015 and started throwing in figures" - Hon. Leo Ogor (Isoko North/South)</i>
Feb. 24	Senate Committee on Appropriation begins collation of budget reports.
Feb. 25	Budget padding culprits will be punished, President Buhari vows.
	SP Saraki and Speaker Dogara reject N6B and N4B budgeted for official residences.
Feb. 28	<i>I think the budget was cooked up in the air without considering developmental strategies - Sen. Gyunka (Nassarawa North)</i>
	6 House of Reps Committees fail to meet deadline for submission of reports on budget.
Feb. 29	Appropriation Committee to meet with officials of Finance Ministry and Budget Office on Thursday.
Mar. 2	Senate approves extension of FCT 2015 budget implementation to March 31.
Mar. 3	NASS decides to pass 2016 budget on March 17 .



		Nigerian researchers lament zero budget for researching 2016.
	Mar. 8	Hon. Ehiozuwa Agbonayinma (Egor/Ikpoba-okha) questions non-sack of Minister Zainab Ahmed over budget errors.
	Mar. 17	NASS detects fresh flaws in 2016 budget, postpones passage.
		Senate reduces the total budget sum from ₦6.07T to ₦6.06T (₦6.06T was reduced by ₦17B)
		<i>"This budget is full of controversy and we did not want to have more controversy or else it won't have been presented today and the National Assembly would be blamed. The people would not understand it because people are even saying that we are playing politics." - Danjuma Goje (Chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriation)</i>
	Mar. 23	Senate finally passes 2016 budget into law



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