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STAKEHOLDER'S**

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**REPORT ON A ONE DAY SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON IMO STATE PARTICIPATORY BUDGET STAKEHOLDER'S FORUM HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 2019, AT THE AHIAJOKU CENTRE, OWERRI BY 11:00AM.**

The forum was organized by Imo State Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning in collaboration with Hope Givers Initiative.

Participants at the forum were drawn from both key government implementing agencies and non governmental institutions.

Key government officials and agencies that attended include;

- ❖ State Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning.
- ❖ Directors of Planning, Research & Statistics and Directors of Accounts, of all Ministries, Departments & Agencies (MDAs) in the State.
- ❖ Interim Management Committee Chairman of Njaba Local Government.
- ❖ Interim Management Committee Chairman of Isu Local Government.
- ❖ Commissioner for Commerce & Industry.
- ❖ Commissioner for Science & Technology.
- ❖ Imo State House of Assembly Chairman on Budget & Appropriation, Chief Uche Ogbuagu.
- ❖ Imo State House of Assembly member from Nkwerre.
- ❖ Permanent Secretary from Ministry of Information, Mrs. Uwandu and her counterpart from the Office of the Secretary to the Government of Imo State, Lady Ibeagi.
- ❖ Ag. Permanent Secretary from Ministry of Finance, Mr. Chucks Okoro.

Participants from non-governmental institutions include President Generals of Town unions, Women Leaders, Youth Leaders, Leaders of the Disabled in the 27 Local Government of the State, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Community Leaders from Owerri Municipal, Orlu and Okigwe senatorial zones were fully represented.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE FORUM:**

The Executive Director of Hope Givers Initiative, Mrs. Onyeka Udegbulam of the Voice to the People (V2P) Programme said that the main objectives of the forum was to inform the community leaders, members of the Traditional council, town union leaders, women leaders, youth leaders and members of the State

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Executive council on the need for an all inclusive budget that will be people oriented. She said that budget preparation process over the years have been criticized by stakeholders because those saddled with the responsibility of preparing the budget do not consult widely and this has created a lack of interest attitude on the part of stakeholders. And so the aim of the forum is mainly to help/guide the communities in Imo State on how to prepare Community Charter of Demand which is an all inclusive budget process and make it part of the budgetary process as it is practiced in other South Eastern States.

### **OPENING PRAYER/OPENING REMARKS:**

The opening prayer was said by the Ag Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning, Rev Udeh R.O. This was followed with a brief opening remark by Rev. Udeh R. O. who represented the Hon Commissioner who was unavoidably absent. He enumerated the importance of the forum and called on the people to take this year's budget very seriously as there is a paradigm shift from the old order to the new order. He went on to say that Anambra, Kaduna and some other states have keyed into the open budget system and the citizens can now hold their government accountable. He then thanked His Excellency, Right Hon. Emeka Ihedioha, the Executive Governor of Imo State for giving his approval on the open budget system.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Leading the discussion, the Coordinator of the Programme, Mrs. Onyeka Udegbulam emphasized on the needs of the Community Charter of Demand, which dwelt on the different needs of a community at a particular time. She said that the Demand Charter which is a written document containing the developmental needs of a community listed in order of communal priority, is an important tool for citizen-state engagement and participation as it contains the representative needs of a community, gathered and compiled in an inclusive and participatory manner. She said that through this process, the people can hold their government accountable.

She went further to say that what gave rise to Community Charter of Demand was the fact that citizen's engagement and participation in governance process is critical for sustaining the development of any society. It ensures that;

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- ❖ The voices of the people are heard.
- ❖ They are able to take part in decisions about issues that affect them.
- ❖ Their needs drive their development rather than the thoughts of their leaders.
- ❖ Bottom-up approach and people centered development are upheld.
- ❖ It enhances sustainable development and ownership.

She stressed that the Demand Charter can be used to;

- Generate Community needs and demands.
- Support advocacy and citizen's engagement with State and other duty bearers for improved service delivery.
- Increase the roles and opportunities of non-governmental actors especially the community leaders and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to actively engage in development and governance agenda.
- Bring the government closer to the people.

She then enumerated the steps involved in producing the Demand Charter to include;

- Community mobilization and needs assessment.
- Community Mapping.
- Prioritization of Needs.
- Harmonization and documentation of Needs.
- Presentation of Needs to relevant authorities and agencies.

### **DRAMA:**

The whole lessons learnt were dramatized by the three senatorial zones of the state (Owerri, Orlu and Okigwe) present at the forum, and the organizers were happy with the level of understanding of the whole process. The drama session was coordinated by Mrs. Uzoh of Christian Aid.

Contributing to the discussion, the Director of Recurrent Budget Mr. Victor Okereke thanked the organizers for coming to the state. He then asked the participants whether what they dramatized is practiced in Imo Budgeting template and they chorused no. He then advised them to go home and put what they have learnt into practice.

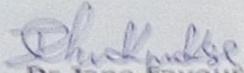
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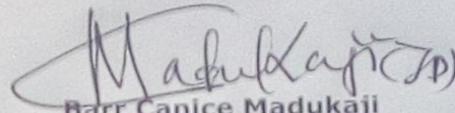
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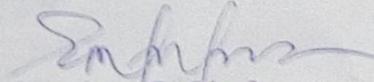
The Ag Permanent of the Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning thanked everybody present for their patience to the end of the end programme. He prayed that the good Lord will take everybody back home safely. And this brought the forum to an end at 4:03pm.

Signed:

  
Dr Jane Favour Chukwukere  
Exec. Dir. SOWIPHANS.

  
Barr Canice Madukaji  
Imo State PG Coordinator

In Attendance:

  
Anselem G. Okafor  
Fig. Offr. (MBEP)

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WARD SCANDALS

Shaa Azu Okorie Lauds Ihedioha On Operation "Iron Gate"

START PACKING OUT OF GOVT HOUSE TO RESIST IMO STATE GOVERNMENT

Prof Iwu Opens Up On Court Case, Prison Experience

Kicks Against Media Trial

ISOPADEC MD Tasks ACADEMIA To Partner Commission In Community Dev

Okorochoa Has Questions To Answer

Success In Office So Far

Imo Holds Maiden Stakeholders Open Participatory Budget System Today

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Continuation

## ISOPADEC MD Tasks ACADEMIA To

The Managing Director of the First State Oil Producing Area Development Commission (ISOPADEC) Mr. Abiodun Okeke, has tasked the Academia to carry out a study on the state of the oil producing areas in the state. He said the study should focus on the state of the oil producing areas in the state and the role of the government in developing the oil producing areas. He said the study should also focus on the state of the oil producing areas in the state and the role of the government in developing the oil producing areas. He said the study should also focus on the state of the oil producing areas in the state and the role of the government in developing the oil producing areas.

## Stakeholders Open Participatory

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## Shaa Azu Okorie Leads

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## Hidden Govt Estates Traced

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