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## MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET



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# Y2021 BUDGET CONSULTATIVE FORUM

**CHIEF HOST**  
**MR. SAMUEL EGUBE**  
HONORABLE COMMISSIONER

**DIVISION:** IKEJA, BADAGRY, LAGOS  
**DATE:** ISLAND/MAINLAND, IKORODU, EPE  
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## **OVERVIEW OF THE Y2021 BUDGET CONSULTATIVE FORUM**

The Lagos State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget held its Y2021 Budget Consultative Forum, the second of the present administration of Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, on the 4th to 11th of August, 2020 at the Adeyemi Bero Hall, The Secretariat, Alausa-Ikeja.

In line with the policy of the Lagos State Government on inclusive governance, the yearly budget consultative forum was expanded from the erstwhile three (3) senatorial districts to the five (5) administrative divisions of the State for a wider reach of the residents.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to observe the social distancing law, the forum was attended by a few invited physical participants and 1651 registered virtually, through the Zoom Platform.

The meeting held for 5 (five) days across the 5 (five) Administrative Divisions: Ibile, Badagry, Ikorodu, Lagos Island/Mainland and Epe with the aim to:

1. Update stakeholders on the half-year performance of the Y2020
2. Inform the public on Government's plan for the rest of Y2020 and the focus areas for Y2020
3. Obtain inputs/contributions/suggestions on the Y2021 budget
4. Promote citizen's participation in budget preparation

The Forum kicked off with the National prayer and a welcome address, by the Special Adviser to the Governor on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Adebayo Sodade, the Chief Host of the forum, the Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube, gave a presentation on the Y2020 budget and the economic outlook for the Y2021 budget which showed that the present administration was an all-inclusive one that seeks to cater and give ears to the inputs of the people. True to its aim, the Forum gave room for the participants to express their concerns, contributions and suggestions as to what should be included in the Y2021 budget.

The participants' contributions and Suggestions were grouped under the THEMES Agenda as follows:

### **Traffic Management and Transportation**

The Suggestions made by physical and virtual participants of the forum to improve the first pillar of the THEMES agenda; Traffic Management and Transportation were as follows:

- Provision of modern bus stops in places like Ojulegba, Iyana Ipaja, Ikeja, Ikorodu Garage, Mile 2, Orile in order to reduce travel time.
- Construction of flyover bridges in Ogolonto Junction and Iju Fagba



- Periodic exercise of safety audits, provision of more road signs and road markings, and smart traffic lights to curb corruption amongst traffic officers and law enforcement.
- Investment on light rail system, road system and safe water transportation
- Construction of multi-floor system in Marina car parks which could provide more revenue to the Government
- Improvement on the jetty at Ijede
- Construction of more underground passages around schools with broad road networks like the one at Awolowo road, Falomo Ikoyi, to promote safety for schools nearby
- Proper lighting and cleaning of BRT stations, trainings for ticketers and improvement of safety standards in the bus
- Completion of the abandoned blue line metroline project and the Badagry expressway.
- Construction of the abandoned Fadehan/Ikereku road in Ojokoro lca.
- Reconstruction of many Primary Health Centres across the State and especially that of Okerube
- Reconstruction of Olukotun nursery and primary school as the roof of the building is bad and decking dripped to the ground floor, whenever it rained
- Traffic study on lagos central business districts, to ease travel for shoppers and use of permanent or removable multilayer cars
- Provision of road signs and road markings, and a road safety literacy programme for commercial bus drivers, in order to reduce road accidents
- Completion of the road construction from itamaga ikorodu and roads leading to gberigbe, which are in bad conditions and causes wears on cars and buses.
- Rehabilitation of Lekki Scheme 2 road, Ajah
- Reconstruction of Fadehun/Ikereku Road by Adetola bus-stop, Ijaiye-Ojokoro LCDA
- Attention to the networks of feeder roads inside Ikorodu, especially those that share boundaries between two local governments: Ikorodu Central and Ikorodu North and Ikorodu West.
- Lagos State Government should appeal to the Federal Government for the completion of the Tinian Island Port Road Construction
- Rehabilitation of Lekki Expressway
- Completion of streets in Aguda Surulere: Coker, Savanna, Bolaji Bamiwo, Ashinwun Bakare
- Rehabilitation of access road to Imota, Sagamu and Itokin Road.

- Provision of rail transportation for conveying cows from the north
- Construction of fly over bridges at some critical area like Owode and Ikorodu General Roundabout
- Provision of water transportations in Oreta, Ofin, Bayeku, Ebute and Ijede
- Construction of access roads to the Rice Mill at Imota
- Construction/ rehabilitation of the Gberigbe road under Ikorodu Local Government
- Commencement of construction of the Fire Service Station in Ijede.
- Rehabilitation and completions of roads in Ikorodu: Ijede Road, Ginti to Ijede, Ilupeju Ring Road, Abule–Eko through Gbopa, Gbodo to Ewu Owa, Pacific to Igbe Oloja through Agunfoye leading to Igbogbo Baiyeku, Ayegbami to Abule Eko leading to Imota, Igbe Laara to Ginti, Palm Avenue, Oke-Eletu Ijede road linking Igbopa, Igbodo, Ewu-Owa Villages, Ijede.
- Construction of Offin-Igbogbo road
- Budget allocation to complete the abandoned Blue Line Metroline Project.
- Rehabilitation of Oke Oshin to Ketu to Itokin to Ikorodu to Iba roads.
- Rehabilitation of Itokin to Epe road
- Dualisation of Epe/Ikorodu Road, Ibeju/Epe Road and completion of Oke-Oyinbo road
- Provision of traffic lights at Ita-Opo junction, Aiyetoro roundabout, Junction, Hospital Road Junction, Noforija by Araga junction.
- Construction of access road from the main road to the following communities: Itoke, Ilege, Magbon Segun, Okunraye, Origanrigan, Osoroko, Ebute Lekki, Igbekodo, Apakin, Itamarun, Oriyanrin, Otolu, Folu, Okegelu, Siriwon, Olomowewe, Ikegun, Ilagbo, Igbolomi, Ise, Igbogun, Akodo Ise.
- Dualization of Eleko Junction Road to Lekki LCDA•

## **Health and Environment**

The Suggestions made by physical and virtual participants of the forum to improve the second pillar of the THEMES agenda; Health and Environment were as follows:

- 1% of the CRF should be allocated as Equity Funds, in compliance with the Lagos State Health Scheme
- LASG should collaborate with corporate bodies and pharmaceutical companies to produce quality and affordable drugs and supplement for the children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDDs) and it should also be extended to schools in all the LCDAs.



- The Y2021 health budget benchmark should sustain the current reported 18% of the State Budget post-COVID-19. (which would put Lagos State in the fore front of achieving the 2010 Abuja declarations of 15%).
- LASG to meet up with the 15% benchmark of the Abuja declaration, as that would ensure that more resources goes into the health care delivery system and achievement of the Universal Health Coverage would be underway
- The Family Planning consumables budget line of N50 million in the Primary Health Care Board (PHCB) budget should be increased to N100 million in the Y2021 Budget due to the huge increasing population coverage (the current mCPR is 29%) and the population of the state be put under control, so that all the plans in place for infrastructural development would benefit all.
- Lagos State Ministry of Health (LSMOH) should publish a detailed health sector annual budget monitor online, to ensure ease of access to the Health budget.
- Disability Empowerment Fund should be reactivated to a minimum of N500million as was provided in the previous budgets to support the Early Intervention Centre
- The environment benchmark should be increased to address issues on climate change and the environmental sector detailed annual budget monitor should be published online for easy access.
- Public transportation system and traffic lights that accommodates people living with disabilities should be considered
- promotion of disability policies for the State, should be included in the Y2021 budget.
- establishment of an Early Intervention Centre for children with disabilities, which could help detect, support and give early medical needs to children born with disability.
- LASG should declare a state of emergency in the Water Sector
- increase budgetary allocations to the Water Sector to ensure adequate funding to support the current water system and system upgrades for improving aging infrastructure, accommodating increased demand and addressing population growth
- The State Government should utilize public financing, which could be cheaper than private finance and establish creative financing tools like the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in the United States.
- Y2021 education budget should reflect gender responsiveness and inclusion so that children with disability would no longer have to travel long distance to access special education.
- Rebuilding the sunk and demolished Special school at Mile 12 into a home for children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDDs) which could be a replica of Modupe Cole

- Deflooding of Osborne Phase 2
- Construction of general health centres in Igbogbo/Bayeku
- Upgrade of Ijede General Hospital
- Construction of drainage system in Itunmaja
- Increase of the Y2021 health budget to 15% of the State budget to increase health coverage for Lagosians post-COVID-19.
- Release approved of Nutrition budget.
- Increase allocation for nutrition in the 2021 budget proposal by 30%.
- Lagos State Accountant General to release at least 50% of approved Nutrition Funds for all focal MDAs for 2021.
- Provision of drainage system in Bayeku, Agunfoye, Igbogbo road.
- Provision of additional Primary Health Care in Ijede LCDA.
- Provision of efficient waste management system in Ijede LCDA
- Provision of free health care for People living with disability
- Upgrade of Akodu General Hospital
- Provision of solar powered boreholes
- Commencement Otta-Ikosi Water Supply Projects
- Supply of medical equipment Folu, Itamarun and Okuraye PHCs.
- Provision of primary health centres in Eredo LCDA, particularly in Iraye-Oke Town
- Expansion of Igboye Community School

### **Education and Technology**

The Suggestions made by physical and virtual participants of the forum to improve the third pillar of the THEMES agenda; Education and Technology were as follows:

- Student to capacity infrastructure ratio, should be considered when schools are back in session due to the social distancing law and also plans should be made to maintain online and offline learning, and to motivate student's academic performance
- A budget line for inclusive education for the 13 secondary schools and 31 primary schools for people living with disabilities.
- Establishment of model inclusive school in Lagos Island/ Eti-Osa /Ibeju Lekki axis.
- Recruitment of teachers for public school students.





- The State Government should make plans for students who are from low income families in areas like Mushin, Ijora Badiya and others, whose parents live on meagre income a not afford tools to access online learning platforms.
- Provision of inclusive teaching and learning in all schools and that priorities should be given to upgrading at least two schools in the 5 divisions of Lagos.
- Introduction of digital literacy in the public sector and Lagos State in general
- Training of special education teachers, provision of modern and up to date specialized learning materials, the use of the Individualized Education Plan and provision for a less restrictive learning environments, for students with special needs.
- Provision of senior secondary school education in Offin-Ile
- Fencing of Luwasa Junior and Senior Secondary Schools and all Schools within Ikorodu LCDA
- Fencing and provision of potable water at Community primary school, Abule-Eko, Ijede LCDA.
- Construction of new blocks of classrooms at Methodist primary school Oke – Eletu, Ijede and Anglican primary school, Ijede with Water, Toilets facilities and Perimeter fencing.
- Intervention in education System in Epe, especially Senior Secondary Certificate Examination results
- Provision of modern students' hostel in Epe Grammar School
- Provision of modern dining halls in boarding schools
- Provision of solar powered e-library
- Renovation of Siriwon, Oshoroko and Otolu Primary schools

### **Making Lagos a 21st Century Economy**

The Suggestions made by physical and virtual participants of the forum to improve the fourth pillar of the THEMES agenda; Making Lagos a 21st Century Economy were as follows:

- Conduction of Needs Assessment in collaboration with the people of Lagos State
- Completion of Egan Housing Scheme
- Provision of vocational trainings and tools for artisans
- Provision of fast speed internet connection and regulation of data rates
- Involvement of LASCOTA in State projects
- Provision of dedicated line for the operations at Imota rather than the suggestion to use Independent Power Plan(IPP)



- Provision of VIP Chalet in Ibeshe and Ikorodu division
- Provision of food market
- Provision of LASRRRA points in banks for easier access and convenience
- Provision for the care of destitute and the less privileged
- Provision of fire station/Training School at Ijede LCDA
- Creation of database for Ikorodu residents
- Reactivation of the Disability Empowerment Fund to a minimum of N500million
- Access to loans for artisans
- Empowerment programmes for the youths
- State Government employment of people living with disability
- Awareness on the benefits of Land Use Charge
- Awareness and publicity on the social register for the poor and vulnerable
- Commencement of abandoned projects like Epe Plywood Industry, dockyard, Marina and Agbowa waterfront, Agbowa Breweries, Oko Baba Sawmill and Otta-Ikosi Water Works, the works yard in Orugbo, Scrap Motor project, Molajoye; timber port companies and the agric and aqua culture
- Reconstruction of Post Office in Ejirin LCDA
- Utilization of Ejirin market
- Upgrade of Mowowale, Agbowa, Itokin Market, Ejirin Market, Ayetoro and Oluwo, Epe, and Mojoda market
- Provision of street lights in Epe LG
- Provision of Bank centres in solar powered boreholes
- Provision of modern event centres and common Centre for students
- Development of fishery industry
- Creation of volunteer register
- Establishment of Industrial parks in Epe
- Supply of electric transformers in Epe communities
- Reduction of rent charges on Lagos Theater Epe
- Provision of 132kva substation in Epe



## **Entertainment and Tourism**

The Suggestions made by physical and virtual participants of the forum to improve the fifth pillar of the THEMES agenda; Entertainment and Tourism were as follows:

- Utilization of Odoro Water spring, Ijede LCDA for tourism
- Refurbishing of Alajede Sport Centre, Ijede LCDA
- Creation of parks and lagoon front resort for tourist attraction
- Cultural activities in Ijede LCDA like Agbo Remireke Festival, Jigbo, Alugbagba ,Igodo Ajeye, Ifole, Awodi for tourist attraction Construction of Sport Facilities and Youth Centre
- Construction of Film Village in Epe

## **Security and Governance**

The Suggestions made by physical and virtual participants of the forum to improve the sixth pillar of the THEMES agenda; Security and Governance were as follows:

- Provision of security and construction of police area ‘N’ command in Ikorodu division.
- Provision of security in Ijede LCDA.
- Provision of security guards in schools
- Deployment of Marine Police
- Construction of Police Security Posts at Lasu/St. Theresa Junction, Itoikin/Epe junction and Epe/Ijebu-Ode Road.

## **Conclusion**

The Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget appreciated the participants and acknowledged their concerns towards achieving the Lagos desired by all, he gave responses to some of the issues raised, he then assured them that the Lagos State Government would continue to intervene on all social and economic infrastructures to aid the economy of the State, he however mentioned that the State might not be able to accommodate all suggestion in the Y2021 budget but they will be rolled over to the coming year till the Greater Lagos we all desire is achieved

The forum was brought to a close with a vote thanks by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and budget, Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi who



further encouraged the participants to carry out their civic responsibility of paying their taxes.

The Forum had in attendance, the Principal officers of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, the Honourable Commissioners for Education and Local Government and Community Affairs, Directors from the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure, the traditional rulers of each division, representatives of Local Governments and Local Council Development Areas, representatives of Iyaloja General, National Youth Council, Lagos State Office of Disability Affairs, Lagos State Council of Tradesmen and Artisans, Lagos State Operations Coordinating Unit and so many more.

# IKEJA DIVISION 4<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST, 2020

**MINUTES OF Y2021 BUDGET CONSULTATIVE FORUM (IKEJA DIVISION) HELD ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST 2020 AT THE ADEYEMI BERO AUDITORIUM, LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, ALAUSA, IKEJA**

**1.0. ATTENDANCE**

**1.1. Lagos State Government**

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| 1. Mr. Sam Egube             | -Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget                        |
| 2. Dr. Wale Ahmed            | -Honourable Commissioner for Local Government and Community Affairs              |
| 3. Mrs. Folashade Adefisayo  | Honourable Commissioner, for Education   |
| 4. Mr. Adebayo Sodade        | -Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget                                 |
| 5. Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi | -Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget                   |
| 6. Arc. Gbolahan Oki         | -Chief Resilience Officer, Lagos State Resilience Office                         |
| 7. Dr. Folayinka Dania       | -Deputy Chief Resilience Officer, Lagos State Resilience Office                  |
| 8. Mr. Olalekan Balogun      | -Senior Special Assistant on Economic Planning and Budget                        |
| 9. Mr. Ibrahim Obajomo       | -Director, Budget Department (Ministry of Economic planning and Budget)          |
| 10. Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope       | -Director, Lagos Bureau of Statistics (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget) |
| 11. Mr. Pekun Sobodu         | -Director, Development Partnership Department                                    |



(Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget)

12. Mrs. Simisola Otuyalo

-Director, Economic Planning Department  
(Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget)

## **1.2. Traditional Rulers**

13. Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka

-Osolo of Isolo

14. Oba Azeez Agbola

-Olukotun of Ikotun

15. Chief A.B. Okikiola

-Baale of Ijo

## **1.3. Physical Participants**

**(Please find attached the list of physical participants)**

## **1.4. Virtual Participants**

**(Please find attached the list of registered participants)**

## **2.0. COMMENCEMENT**

2.1. The meeting commenced at 10:39am. Mr. Obafemi Craig, who anchored the forum, asked the participants to rise and recite the first stanza of the National Anthem. He welcomed everyone present, both physically and virtually and then asked the physically present participants to introduce themselves.

## **3.0. WELCOME ADDRESS BY SPECIAL ADVISER ON ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MR ADEBAYO SODADE**

3.1. He acknowledged the presence of the Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube, the Commissioner for Local Government and Community Affairs, Dr. Wale Ahmed, the Senior Special Assistant on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Olalekan Balogun, the Management and staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, the royal fathers and all participants present.



3.2. The Special Adviser mentioned that it was a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the Y2021 Budget Consultative Forum organized by the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, which was the second of its kind to be organized by the Administration of Mr, Babajide Sanwo-olu, in line with his promise for an all-inclusive governance.

3.3. He stated that the forum would take place in the five divisions of Lagos State: Ikeja, Badagry, Ikorodu, Lagos (Island/Mainland) and Epe, so that inputs of all stakeholders could be taken into cognizance in the State's budget preparation process. He added that the essence of adopting that approach, was to further ensure that citizens participate fully and their choices drive government decision making in planning and budgeting for critical infrastructural, economic and social development.

3.4. He explained that the forum would also afford the State Government an avenue to update stakeholders on the half year performance of the budget, the resources available for the next budget, taking into cognizance all economic variables and externalities such as the price of Crude Oil, Inflation, Interest rates, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy.

3.5. The Special Adviser pointed out that rubbing minds with the citizens, also provides the State with ample opportunity to share ideas geared towards the "Greater Lagos Project", while ensuring that the People's desired interests are adequately captured in the developmental agenda and that the expectation of the State Government, as regards the forum, was that the significant participation in the Budget preparation process by every individual, organization and bodies that were represented, would engender smoother implementation of the developmental agenda of the Government.

3.6. He mentioned that the State Government believed strongly that the success of the present Administration rests squarely, on the cooperation of all and sundry, and therefore appealed to everyone, to fulfil their civic responsibilities through regular payment of taxes, monitoring of government projects and reporting observed lapses, protection of public facilities and infrastructure, obeying traffic and safety rules and regulation, ensuring environmental friendliness, and above all being security conscious.

3.7. He added that concerted efforts will be made on the part of the Government, not only to improve overall service delivery by Agencies of Government, but also to improve Tax Revenues by widening the tax base in order to meet citizen's expectations.

3.8. The Special Adviser concluded by welcoming everyone present, on behalf of the Lagos State Government (LASG), the Honourable Commissioner, Permanent Secretary, Management and Staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget to the Y2021 Budget Consultative Forum and wished them a successful deliberation.

**4.0. PRESENTATION ON Y2020 BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR Y2021 BY HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MR. SAM EGUBE**  
(Please find copy of presentation attached)



4.1. He thanked everyone for coming and said that he believed that their coming would not be for their benefit alone but also for that of Lagos State. He added that he believed that the sacrifices made to be part of the forum would be one that the people of Lagos State would also benefit from.

4.2. The Honourable Commissioner acknowledged the presence of his fellow cabinet member, Dr. Wale Ahmed, the royal fathers: Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka, the Osolo of Isolo; Oba Azeez Agbola, the Olukotun of Ikotun-Ile, Chief Nojeem Lawal, the baale of Ikotun; the representative of Local Government and Local Council Development Area Chairman, Hon. Alabi Kolade Bello, Bariga; Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Adetutu Liadi; Special Adviser to the Governor, Mr. Adebayo Sodade; Senior Special Assistant to the Governor, Mr. Olalekan Balogun, as they forge ahead to try and create a future and stake for all.

4.3. He added that one of the things the Governor said is that, the power of the people goes beyond election, it goes into how they participate in framing the way the Government would go forward. Which is why the Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, had committed to the fact that, this Government is a Government of citizens' participation and citizens' engagement, and anytime a matter is being contemplated, it is because the State Government is trying to get complete feedback from the people it represents.

4.4. The Honourable Commissioner stated that his presentation would take the participants through the objectives of the forum which was that LASG was about to commence another budget cycle for 2021 and to prepare the budget, it was important to get inputs from the people, not just in Ikeja but in all the divisions of Lagos State because Lagos State belongs to everyone.

4.5. He explained that the objective of the stakeholders meeting was to update stakeholders on the Half-Year performance of the Y2020, inform the public of Government's plan for the rest of Y2020 and the focus areas of Y2021, obtain the stakeholders' contributions/suggestions on the Y2021 budget process which would help to ensure that the budget for next year actually addresses some of the issues the State face. He added that the overall objective of the Forum was to ensure that the budget is not the budget of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget nor that of the cabinet of LASG but the budget of the people of Lagos State and for the benefit of all.

4.6. He pointed out that having looked at the Half-Year budget, it showed that despite the challenges of the pandemic, the total revenue recorded a performance of about 81% and an overall performance of the budget, in terms of how the State was able to spend, was just about 57%. What that means is that it was difficult for the State to spend if people could not go out but he thanked God that the lockdown was beginning to ease substantially and therefore it was expected that there would be some acceleration of project execution, going forward.

4.7. He mentioned that the Y2020 budget was signed into law on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to reflect the administration's goals to enhance development across Lagos State but it did not anticipate a world with COVID-19. The interesting thing about Government is that, a good one has the ability to respond when shocks come. If everything always goes as planned, then strong people would not be needed to lead.





However, the State was faced with a shock, one that is still shaking the entire world to its foundation, this brought about a health and economic challenge.

4.8. The Honourable Commissioner explained that if people could not work, then people would not eat and therefore within this very difficult situation LASG was able to achieve greater revenues while managing expenditure. He added that there were indications the key drivers of the State's revenue were going to be affected severely by the pandemic and worsen over the year, a forecast of revenue drop by 24%, requiring a 21% drop in expenditure were given. It was on this basis that the budget was reversed downward because the State felt that the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) would drop by about 29%, the Capital Receipts by 5% and Federal Transfers by 30%.

4.9. Mr Sam Egube, further stated that because of the impact of the pandemic on the world, there would be a fall in the demand for crude oil which would lead to a drop in prices, a downward pressure on IGR, the devaluation of Naira, which would affect the cost of goods in the market and unemployment because companies are not working in full capacity and would have challenges in keeping their workforce.

4.10. He explained that as a result, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) would be affected thereby reducing the level of output in the economy, investments would be conscious and withdrawn and there would be a drop in the demand for goods and services. He added that in order to interject a future cycle of the predicament there was need to have a shift in strategy and to change the way the State responds and moves forward.

4.11. The Honourable Commissioner stated that the State had to come up with strategies to maintain a strong pandemic response, restart the Lagos State economy and reimagine the way the state operates. In view of that, the State decided to review the Y2020 budget from the approved amount of ₦1,168.6billion to ₦920.5 billion while the State's debt sustainability ratio remains at 14.4%. This brought down the Budget Size to ₦920,469billion, the Total Revenue to ₦812,465billion, Total Recurrent Expenditure to ₦413,407billion and Total Capital Expenditure to ₦507,062billion.

4.12. He said spending would be done in such a way that would improve, significantly, the State's capacity to make jobs available for the people of Lagos State and that the State also felt the need to take actions and steps that enhances, provide aggressive health response and develop unplanned isolation centres.

4.13. He highlighted the several interventions LASG had implemented to minimize the impact of the pandemic which includes: development of isolation centres, development of mobile and stationary testing across the LGAs, increase of hazards and other incentives to health workers, free basic healthcare to the public at general hospitals and Primary Health Cares (PHC). He added that there was also a need to support businesses through Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF) and to increase their budgetary allocation, so that they can intervene with Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to create liquidity that keeps the business afloat and allows them to hold their staff for longer.



4.14. He mentioned that the State also felt the need to intervene with relief for the vulnerable population of about 400,000 households, which is about 1.2 million people but it was not only the government that did. The State found that when need arises, the spirit of Lagos State rises and that in the face of challenges, the people joined hands with the Government and supported all the initiatives.

4.15. The Honourable Commissioner informed the participants that the State also did things around food security, economic intervention, public safety and wellbeing because if people who normally earned their wages every day could no longer work, their livelihood would deteriorate heavily. The State tried to focus on agriculture and to support empowerment in order to stabilize the economy and ensure that it adjusts, through the revised budget and focus on priority status, so that job creation will continue and physical consolidation will be maintained.

4.16. He mentioned that for the first time and out of the innovation of the current Government, the State was having a Consultative Forum with social distancing and with over 500 people joining in online to participate, which deserved a round over applause, because the people of Lagos State always support the extraordinary leadership of the Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu and his entire team.

4.17. He added that it was difficult to reach out to people if one does not know them and therefore, encouraged all present, especially the leaders to also encourage their constituents to register with Lagos State Residents' Registration Agency (LASRRA), so that the State could have the people's details and identities. He explained that the major challenges the State face is how to reach out to the people when it does not have the data of the people it is trying to reach out to. So one of the biggest decisions the State could make for the people, was to encourage them to participate in the citizens' registration, which LASRRA is doing, that way when the Government knows you, then it can reach you quickly.

4.18. The Honourable Commissioner stated that the budget was revised and focused on the following areas:

i. Health: The State committed a significant amount of ₦20billion for intervention on COVID-19 issues, this amount was pushed into the Health Sector to ensure that the people and health workers are well catered for. There was the need to build a New Massey Children Hospital and the Lagos State Infectious Disease research Centre, so that the State's capability to respond in the future would be strengthened. When the budget gap was reviewed, the State ensured that the Health budget stayed as it was.

ii. Education: Education was also significantly affected as pupils could not go to school, therefore, the need to create an Education Trust Fund. An amount of ₦3billion would be dedicated to it, as an alternative way of supporting education, with children education going online through various media platforms. An amount of ₦620million was invested in various Jobs initiative programs and ₦385million into digital skills Initiative. The budget for quality assurance remained, to ensure quality as education was going to be more remote than physical, with CAPEX and Recurrent Expenditure at ₦200million.



iii. Works and Infrastructure: One of the sectors that stimulates the economy is the construction sector, it takes a lot of employment, hence, the need to keep the sector active as other programs in the State were being eased. This includes works being done in drainages which has a lot of ground works and brings about employment for a lot of people, the budget was increased to ₦1.6billion. Movement is important, which was why ₦4.8billion was being committed to the last Mile 2 initiative to encourage the Transportation Sector. The budget on infrastructure was aligned with the bond funded projects with an amount of ₦97billion.

iv. Agriculture: There were challenges around food security which proved the need to do something about agriculture in a more aggressive way, based on that the State has committed to finish the Rice Mill which would stimulate the entire value chain, with a budget of ₦8billion, with the support of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). The State felt the need to come up with policies that brought about transparency in the market spaces in a manner that would attract investments and create a mechanism by which food reserves could be improved, so that cases of pandemics would be better handled. In order to achieve this, a reservation of ₦2billion was made and an additional ₦1billion to be invested in the Lagos State Food Production Centre.

v. People Empowerment: In order for all the investments to yield result, it is important to empower the people and invest in trainings. An amount of ₦4.8billion would be invested through LSETF for quick interventions and ₦800million to be committed to training and skill acquisition in the Entertainment and Hospitality Sector.

4.19. He explained that the State GDP growth forecast showed that there would be a decline in year 2020 to -3.75%, but there would be recline in 2021, taking it up to 3.5%, then a growth of 15% would be maintained in 2023 and, a rise in consumption: crude oil prices will gradually grow to \$60 by 2023 which would lead to a growth of 9% in the State's revenue, as driven by an increased IGR of 21%, federal transfer of 8% and capital receipts of -31%.

4.20. He highlighted the several completed and ongoing projects as:

a. The Rice Mill; The construction of the Rice Mill Site is being focused on with the support of CBN and is about 75% completed, it would produce an output of 120,000MT of rice, annually, which would make it one of the biggest Mills in this part of the world. It would help increase local rice production by 75% and stimulate production around the country, create over 300,000 job opportunities, farming activities, production activities and supply chain activities. The Rice Mill Site would have several silos, warehouses, production centres and small factories around it, that could be used.

b. Farmers' Empowerment: There would be empowerment programs for farmers that would help train 15,000 women and youths, another 10,000 farmers would be trained towards large scale production and processing of rice, eggs, poultry and fish. Efforts will be made towards the development of aquaculture (Lagos State Aquatic Centre of Excellence) with the intention of going into fish processing and preservation.

c. COVID-19 Response: The State would on focus on a strong pandemic response, it was in line that, that the Governor had been commissioning different Isolation Centres in Gbagada, Onikan, Eti-Osa ensure that the COVID-19



outbreak was brought under control. Testing capacities have been improved and the percentage of infections have continued to remain flat and sometimes even declining, which showed progress.

d. Road Construction: Several roads have been commissioned, starting with 31 networks of road in Ojokoro LCDA, Iyana Isolo road, Oke Afa road, Egbe-Ikotun roads, Oshodi-Isolo local government (LG) and the idea is to strictly continue to do several road infrastructures. The State is also trying to improve on the traffic situation, as it could be seen with changes going on in Lagos State, for instance, the roundabout in Opebi, which is also being done in Ikotun and Lekki. The constructions were not just to ease out traffic challenges but to also provide employment opportunities for the people and change the face of Infrastructure, as could be seen with works done in Balujaye Street, Somolu LGA.

e. Public Transport Management: The Governor is committed to bringing about changes and the State Government will not relent in its determination to ensure that the infrastructures are upgraded, strengthened as well as that of transportation. Investments are being made in the waterways with increased amount of vessels to ease the challenges of those use the waterways.

f. Lagos State Broadband: The pandemic showed that there was a need for digitization and as a result, partners have been gotten to invest in a 3,000km unified fibre duct system for the telecommunication infrastructure, bringing a huge capacity of data into Lagos State, which would make Lagos State the technology hub of Africa. This was a major investment that the State had been trying to break into for years and the cables that are being around, were not invested in by Lagos State but by the private sector which showed that the State is willing to leverage on the unique capacities and abilities of the people. The difference will show when the project is at its advanced stage and the people are able to participate and compete globally, working developing software for companies in the United States of America, China, India and all around the world.

g. Partnership and Strategic Relationships: The State Government is collaborating with the Federal Government, LSETF, United States African Development Foundation (USADF), Lagos State Operation Coordination Unit (LASOCU) and N-Power to come up with different initiatives and programs, all of which were made available because the present Administration prides itself in being open and accessible. For instance, LASOCU which was established to create a single social register that would lead to the conditional and unconditional fund transfer to the poor and vulnerable segment of the State, 131,011 households had been captured which led to Lagos State being moved from No.32 in march 2020 to N0. 12 in July 2020.

h. Drainage and Waste Management: Lagos State had increased the budget for dredging and clearing of canals and drainages and encouraged the people to stop disposing waste into drains because it causes a lot of problem.

i. Construction of Classrooms: Education is about developing the infrastructure, ensuring the schools are well maintained. There are lots of things to be done as regards schools and the State had put in programs and budget to ensure that the progress is



achieved. Construction of class rooms are being done in Amuwo Odofin and Egbe.

j. Eko Excel Programme: There is also a need to train teachers which was why the Eko Excel Programme would be launched. It is a very exciting programme that would ensure the standardization of teaching methods and would help administer and track teaching practices, and guides to make teaching easier. With these tools, students would not be able to sign for other students in their absence as the equipment used will synchronize with a central system that registers the student's presence. It would also monitor what is expected to teach and is teaching. The teachers of Lagos are excited about the programme, the Commissioner for education is excited and there are hopes that the people would be too and recruitment is ongoing to employ more teachers.

k. Commissioning of Police Command: The importance of security was what led to the construction of a Police Command in Elemoro, which had been commissioned.

4.21. He concluded by saying that Lagos State was in for a good time, although there were challenges but as long as the people cooperate with the Government, make sacrifices, participate in the available programmes and choose to invest in the State, then Lagos could only become the greater Lagos everyone could benefit from.

## **5.0. QUESTIONS / SUGGESTIONS**

### **5.1. Physical Participants**

5.1.1. Comrade Akinshola Oshileye, a representative of agbookitan Estate, appreciated the Governor of Lagos State on his effort that had been seen on every street and road of Local Governments. He stated that his question was about artisans in Lagos State and their inability to access loans with ease especially with the COVID-19 pandemic and that instead of loans, assistance should be rendered. He added that when loans are given, it was even more difficult to pay, as the loan and the interests would be taken back out of the business

b. He suggested that empowerment programs for artisans should be organized for youths, to prevent them from roaming the streets and hanging around betting parlours.

5.1.2. He appreciated the response of Lagos State to COVID-19, for its proactiveness and measures that were put in place to curb the spread. He however requested that resources be put in place for people living with disabilities in the post COVID-19 era.



5.1.3 the vice chairman of National Youth Council of Nigeria, directed his question to the Commissioner for Education, he asked what the student ratio to capacity of infrastructure was, considering social distancing laws and how the Ministry of Education plans to maintain an online and offline learning, simultaneously.

b. He also asked how schools intend to engage students and motivate them academically as it is seen that the entertainment industry gets more attention. He further enquired on what the State Government plans for youth organizations that add value to the society. He however suggested that their activities be promoted to attract the youths so that they could have a future and be well positioned in the society.

5.1.4. Barr. Ayo Adebuseye representing Lagos State Civil Society Partnership (LASCOP) expressed his concerns about certain areas of the budget like health and suggested that in Y2021, the current 18% reported should be sustained, post COVID-19. He also suggested that 1% of the CRF should be allocated as Equity Funds, in compliance with the Lagos State Health Scheme and that family planning consumables budget line of N50 million in Primary Health Care Board Budget should be increased to N100 million in the Y2021 budget due to the high increasing population coverage and allocation for nutrition in the 2021 budget should be increased by 30%.

b. He further stated that Nigeria is ranked 7th in the climate change vulnerability index 2016, hence the environment benchmark should be increased to address issues on climate change and the environmental sector detailed annual budget monitor should be published online for easy access.

c. On education, he suggested that a budget line for inclusive education for the 13 secondary schools and 31 primary schools for people living with disabilities should be drawn so as to cover the cost of essential learning aids, electricity/generators and renovations of the schools' infrastructure to ensure accessibility. He added that a one model inclusive secondary school should be established in Lagos Island/ Eti-Osa /Ibeju Lekki axis, to stop the drop out being experienced by pupils with disability in those Local Government Areas.

d. He advised that the Disability Empowerment Fund should be reactivated to a minimum of ₦500million as was provided in the previous budgets to support the Early Intervention Centre.

e. As regards traffic and transportation, he suggested that specific budget allocation be made to complete the abandoned Blue Line Metroline Project and the Badagry Expressway should be given priority due its critical nature to the economy.

## **5.2. Virtual Participants**

5.2.1. Shina Loremikan, Campaign Against Impunity in Nigeria, suggested that in order for travel time to reduce, there would be a need to provide modern bus stops in places like Ojulegba, Iyana Ipaja, Ikeja, Ikorodu Garage, Mile 2, Orile and more investment should be made into Light Rail systems, Road systems and Water safety.





He added that in order to reduce car crashes and road accidents, there is a need for flyover bridges (especially in areas like Ogolonto Junction and Iju Fagba), periodic safety audits, provision of more road signs and road markings, smart Traffic lights which could also help to curb corruption amongst traffic officers and law enforcement.

He mentioned that Marina car parks need multi-floor system which could provide more revenue to the Government and the jetty at Ijede needs improvement like Lagos State had done in Falomo and Ebute Ikorodu.

He identified that there was an underground passage at Awolowo Road, Falomo Ikoyi, which helps to promote safety for a primary school nearby. He believes that more of such underground passages are needed in areas with broad road networks, where schools are located.

He commented that the BRT buses were dirty and poorly lit at night, as such tickets were usually sold and passengers board in the dark. He added that the ticketers and bus captains need improved welfare and training, and the safety standards need to be improved upon.

He expressed his concerns about public safety, especially that of children and how it should be given greater attention in 2021. He explained how he had driven past Ijede Road, Ikorodu and noticed a public school without fence, which allowed for free entry and exit during learning hours and on his return trip he saw the children on the sport ground without any surrounding walls.

He also mentioned that there was a need to push better care and plans for the population living with disabilities across the State and people like Dr. Adebayo (Chairman, Joint National Association of People Living with Disabilities) deep in Disabilities matter, need to be contacted. He added that he would be glad if Lagos State could factor persons living with disabilities into its public transportation system and traffic light provision, as most of the traffic lights in the State were not designed for them. He believes that taking care of the minority speaks volume of State actors and policy makers.

Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope, Director, LBS, responded that his suggestions had been noted and sent to the relevant agencies for further action.

5.2.2. Folorunso Omitiran commented that it was obvious from the analysis of the current budget that some capital projects would be dropped, he therefore suggested that those projects be prioritized in the 2021 fiscal year budget.

He added that the State Government should give attention to Fadehan/Ikereku road in Ojokoro LCDA which had been approved and abandoned several times as it is a critical link road in Fagba/Olaniyi and Alakuko/Sango axis

Mr Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that his suggestions had been noted and would be attended to by the relevant agency.

5.2.3. Godstime Ikumapayi, WHC Alliance Chairman commented that Olukotun Nursery and Primary School building was a disaster waiting to happen. He





explained that the roof of the building was gone and whenever it rained, the decking dripped to the ground floor.

Mr. Ibukunoluwa Owoyeye, a planning officer, asked where the school was located and Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope also asked if the school was public or private owned.

5.2.4. Godstime Ikumapayi further suggested that Lagos State Officials should visit the school and carry out a quality test on the building. He added that the Government should also direct their attention to the dilapidated conditions of many Primary Health Cares across the State and that of Okerube was in a very bad shape.

Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that it had been noted for further action by the relevant Agency

5.2.5. Adeyemi Ashade mentioned that there was a need for traffic study on Lagos Central Business Districts, to ease travel for shoppers and also the use of multilayer cars. either permanent or removable.

Mr. Olumide Ajao, Assistant Chief Planning Officer responded that it had been noted for further action by the relevant Agency.

5.2.6. Angela Ekeopara commented that in addition to the suggestion made by Shina Loremikan, on the provision of road signs and road markings, that a road safety literacy programme is needed for commercial bus drivers, in order to reduce road accidents.

Ms. Eniola Awosika, Planning Officer, responded that her suggestion had been sent to the appropriate Agency

5.2.7. Bola Nuga commented that the completion of the road construction from Itamaga Ikorodu and the roads leading to Gberigbe, is important to people living in that axis, as the roads are in bad conditions which causes cars and buses to wear out on time.

Mr. Olumide Ajao responded that her comment had been noted for further action by the relevant Agency.

5.2.8. Ivoke Veronica, Corporate Accountability and Public Participation Africa (CAPPA) stated that her organization, CAPPA, did some fact finding visits to 13 Waterworks in Lagos State, during the COVID 19 pandemic, taking into consideration water as one of the most emphasized remedy for the pandemic through regular washing of hands. Their findings showed that virtually all of the waterworks were producing below capacity.

She explained that several recommendations have been made to the State Government and went on to highlight them as follows:

- i. LASG should declare a state of emergency in the Water Sector
- ii. The State Government should increase budgetary allocations to the Water Sector to ensure adequate funding to support the current water system and system upgrades for improving aging infrastructure, accommodating increased demand and addressing population growth.
- iii. The State Government should utilize public financing, which could be cheaper



than private finance and establish creative financing tools like the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in the United States.

Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that she should kindly share the findings with the Lagos Bureau of Statistics (LBS) and relevant stakeholders and she could contact LBS at [lbs@lagosstate.gov.ng](mailto:lbs@lagosstate.gov.ng)

5.2.9. Joko Dawodu Omotola commented that the State Government should kindly rebuild the sunk and demolished Special school at Mile 12 into a home for children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDDs) which could be a replica of Modupe Cole, where children could access both education and therapies and one that could commence treatments on babies born with IDD, once they are diagnosed.

She further suggested that LASG should collaborate with corporate bodies and pharmaceutical companies to produce quality and affordable drugs and supplement for the children and it should also extend inclusive schools to all the LCDAs.

Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that her suggestion had been noted.

5.2.10. Olajumoke Otitoloju, Iyaniwura Children Care Foundation commented that appeals had been made to the State Government to establish an Early Intervention Centre for children with disabilities, which could help to detect, support and give early medical needs to children born with disability, as early detection is key in order for the children to live a full life.

Mr. Olumide Ajao responded that her comment had been sent to the appropriate agency

5.2.11. Gbenga Ganzallo commented that disability is a critical issue and that if everyone comes together to promote the disability policies of the State, it could reflect in the 2021 budget.

He added that it was important for the State Health budget to have better attention and adequate estimates for post COVID-19 responses.

Mr. Olumide Ajao responded that his comment had been sent to the appropriate agency

5.2.12. Angela Ekeopara, The Gracious Woman Care Initiative, commented that she knows the LASG has made some efforts to keep both primary school pupils and secondary school students engaged in virtual learning, but there were a lot of children from public schools, who are from low income families, who have not been reached because they could not afford virtual learning so she asked What can be done about them.

She suggested that concerned agencies should recruit mobile teachers gotten from same public or private schools, selected from their communities or Local Government Areas, who could reach these students to teach them while observing the COVID-19 guidelines and the teachers, through this means, could earn money to cater for their families.

Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that she had made a valid point and it would be escalated immediately for further action.

5.2.13. Adenike Badiora, Lagos State Accountability Mechanism for Maternal and Newborn Health (LASAM) commented that LASAM appreciates all the



proposed budget plans of the State Government for the Health Sector in Y2021 and LASAM would like the State Government to kindly consider the following inclusion into the Y2021 Health Budget:

- i. The Y2021 health budget benchmark should sustain the current reported 18% of the State Budget post-COVID-19. (which would put Lagos State in the fore front of achieving the 2010 Abuja declarations of 15%).
- ii. The Family Planning consumables budget line of N50 million in the Primary Health Care Board (PHCB) budget should be increased to N100 million in the Y2021 Budget due to the huge increasing population coverage (the current mCPR is 29%).
- iii. The State Government should allocate 1% of the Consolidated Revenue Funds (CRF) as Equity Funds in compliance with the Lagos State Health Scheme Law.
- iv. Lagos State Ministry of Health (LSMOH) should publish a detailed health sector annual budget monitor online, to ensure ease of access to the Health budget
- v. The family planning consumables, budget line of N50 million in the PHCB budget should be increased to N100 million in the Y2021 Budget, due to the huge increasing population coverage. (the current mCPR is 29%,) and Lagos States need to put its population under control, so that all the plans in place for infrastructural development would benefit all.

She added that it was noted from the presentations that the post COVID-19 Y2020 Health budget was at 10.6% instead of the 18% that was initially said and LASAM implores LASG to meet up with the 15% benchmark of the Abuja declaration, as that would ensure that more resources goes into the health care delivery system and achievement of the Universal Health Coverage would be underway.

Mr. Tayo Oseni responded that her comments and suggestions were noted and appreciated

5.2.14. Adeyemi Adebisi expressed his dismay that major roads considered viable and important by the LASG are abandoned after it has already been included in the budget. He explained that he was referring to the Fadehun/Ikereku road by Adetola Busstop, Ijaiye-Ojokoro LCDA as it is an important access road in the area, linking Millenium Housing Estate (a government owned estate), Fagba, Olaniyi, Agbado and others The road is in a terrible condition.

He added that a representative of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Hon. Rasheed Makinde said that the road was included in the 2020 budget, although he doubts that it was feasible because of the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, but hoped that it would be included in the Y2021 budget.

Mr. Olumide Ajao responded that his comment had been sent to the appropriate agency

5.2.15. Helen Egbe commended LASG for the online learning platforms for public schools but that the fact remains that students in areas like Mushin, Ijora Badiya and others, whose parents live on meagre income could not afford data even on their phones nor petrol for generators when there is no light and a lot of them might not have been reached despite the efforts made by LASG.



Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that her comment was important and noted for necessary action by the relevant Agency.

5.2.16. Idowu Fatai Onafowote commented that the networks of feeder roads inside Ikorodu needs the attention of LASG as they are in state of disrepair, especially those that share boundaries between two Local Governments, Ikorodu Central and Ikorodu North and Ikorodu West

5.2.17. Yomi Newton commented that traffic in Lagos State is counterproductive for the drive of SMART programs the State intends to achieve. The traffic tells on residents' health, encourages attacks from hoodlums and decimates the economy.

Mr. Temitope Sanya responded that his request had been noted.

5.2.18. Another Virtual Participant suggested that the State Government should appeal to the Federal Government to complete the Tincan Island Port road construction as this would also increase the State revenue.

Mr. Temitope Sanya responded that the request had been noted.

5.2.19. Samuel Ajayi.A commented that the Human Development Initiatives was hoping that the 2021 education budget will reflect gender responsiveness and inclusion in terms of the budget content as a lot is needed for schools especially in the area of accessibility, inclusive teaching and learning.

He added that children with disability should no longer have to travel longer distance to access special education, they should be able to access learning in a nearby school and that the 2021 budget for public education should progressively introduce inclusive teaching and learning in all schools. He further suggested that considering the general economic outlook, the budget should prioritise upgrading at least two schools in the 5 divisions of Lagos, to full and standard inclusive schools.

Mr. Olumide Ajao responded that his comments had been noted.

## **6.0. RESPONSES**

### **6.1. The Commissioner for Education, Mrs. Folashade Adefisayo:**

6.1.1 She responded to the questions on education by stating that protocols had been put in place for students in exit classes, who were about to resume in schools. Not more than 20- 30 students would be allowed in a class and all halls classes, assembly grounds would be utilized, this was a test case against when schools resumed fully. When schools resumed fully; students would not go every day, would close earlier than the usual, would have activities after school hours and on their days off and activities that would involve students gathering in one place would be avoided,

6.1.2 She explained that an integrated learning system would be adopted, the teaching techniques would be changed and students would be given more



homework, which would encourage self-studying. She stated that lessons would be broadcasted on radios and would be required as part of their work to discourage idleness on their days off. Online teaching and learning would be introduced and a SuccessTAB, where SS3 students can practice past questions, SS2 students would also be given internet enabled phones so they could access their teachers via Whatsapp.

6.1.3 She stated that students' academic performances would be improved through teaching and self-directed learnings and with the aid of the SuccessTAB, practices could be continued when they get home, rather than the students playing. There were also competitions involved, one of which was the Governor's Quiz Competition that deals with all subjects. She added that Zoom would be used for all Public schools across the Curriculum, for both the Junior and Senior Secondary Schools. Trainings had been set up for teachers to aid them in utilizing the Zoom platform, adequately, in their teachings.

6.1.4 She mentioned that there were several clubs and associations, with the support of NGOs, that teaches students on sports, drama and production.

## **6.2. The Commissioner for Economic planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube:**

6.2.1. He responded on the suggestion for empowerment programmes for artisans by stating that artisans were important part of the society. The Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment had put out advertisements to interested parties to make presentations to build a platform through which artisans could register.

6.2.2. He added that the platform would differentiate the artisans in three (3) different dimensions using the Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements, based on their levels of identification; Identity Card, Bank Verification Number (BVN) or International Passport and the means through which they could be contacted. The platform would provide their profiles, quality of service and feedbacks on customer satisfaction, the platform would also encourage artisans to get more education and certifications as ratings would be based on that, which would make it easier for banks to invest and the artisans to access loans. He encouraged the Association of Youths to work together and create ideas, because once the association is disciplined and trusted, people would be willing to invest in it.

6.2.3. As regards people living with disability, he mentioned that there is ability in disability and encouraged all to use the ability that they have and it would be supported by the Government, empowerment programmes were available and they were not excluded from participating in them. He mentioned that a budget had been made through the Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment focusing on people living disabilities and they have access to employments through the LSETF

6.2.4. He stated that the youths are a blessing to the State, in response to the question on what the plans were for youth, as they are vibrant and have a future in front of them which the State Government must support. The support would be through education and industry specific trainings, which he encouraged the youths to participate in. He gave an instance of his 8-year-old son who dealt with a math problem he faced,



through a free website, an instance he cited to say that things should not be disregarded because they are free. He added that community centres for youths had been built for their participation, to enable them use what skills or abilities that they had, whether it was arts or sports as there was no skill that was considered useless. The youths should be supported and encouraged to rise and take their place

6.2.5. There was a comment from an online participant on the dilapidated state of Olukotun Nursery and Primary, to which he responded that he had a lengthy meeting with the ED of schools to give attention to schools that required reconstruction.

6.2.6. State of Emergency in the Water Sector: He responded that safety is a responsibility that everyone must take, as passengers and operators and the Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA) would be enforcing safety behaviours. He admonished everyone not to participate in unsafe behaviours on the road and waterways.

## **7.0. VOTE OF THANKS BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MRS. ADETUTU LIADI**

7.1 She started by appreciating the Honourable Commissioner, Mr. Sam Egube, for his presentation and efforts; the Special Adviser to the Governor, Mr. Adebayo Sodade for his support; the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor, Mr. Olalekan Balogun; other top Government functionaries in the Ministry of economic Planning and Budget, Directors, Heads of Unit, the members of staff and all participants who joined the forum both physically and virtually.

7.2 She formally expressed gratitude to all the guests, who, at great cost and sacrifice made time to honour the State's invitation to the Y2021 Consultative Forum organised by the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, to foster transparency and accountability in the preparation process of the State's Y2021 Budget.

7.3 The Permanent Secretary, stated that over the years, the people's contributions had been of immense benefit and value to the state Government especially in charting the way forward in the State's economic developmental projections.

7.4 She further emphasized that the State was hopeful that the outcomes of the deliberations of the Ikeja Division would impact positively on the budget preparation which was intended to ensure that the desired interests of the people were not only captured but implemented in order of priority.

7.5 She used the opportunity to enjoin everyone to continue to fulfil their civic responsibilities of paying their taxes as and when due, so that the State Government could continue to implement and carry out more development projects and programmes in all divisions within the State.

7.6 She concluded by thanking everyone, once again, on behalf of the Honourable Commissioner, Special Adviser, Senior Special Adviser and the entire staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget and mentioned that the State is



looking forward to receiving the people again, in the years to come and wished everyone journey mercies to their various destinations.

**8.0** The meeting ended at 1:00pm.

**Name:** Ayo Adebuseye

**Organization:** Lagos State Civil Society Partnership (LACSOP)

**Signature:**



**Name:** Obajomo Ibrahim Amodu

**Organisation:** Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget

**Signature:**





# BADAGRY DIVISION

5<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST,  
2020



**MINUTES OF Y2021 BUDGET CONSULTATIVE FORUM (BADAGRY DIVISION) HELD ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST 2020 AT THE ADEYEMI BERO AUDITORIUM, LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, ALAUSA, IKEJA**

**1.0. ATTENDANCE**

**1.1. Lagos State Government**

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|------------------------------|--|
| 1. Mr. Sam Egube             | -Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget                                |
| 2. Mr. Adebayo Sodade        | -Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget   |
| 3. Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi | -Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget                           |
| 4. Arc. Gbolahan Oki         | -Chief Resilience Officer, Lagos State Resilience Office                                 |
| 5. Dr. Folayinka Dania       | -Deputy Chief Resilience Officer, Lagos State Resilience Office                          |
| 6. Mr. Olalekan Balogun      | -Senior Special Assistant on Economic Planning and Budget                                |
| 7. Mr. Ibrahim Obajomo       | -Director, Budget Department (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget)                  |
| 8. Mrs. Simisola Otuyalo     | -Director, Economic Planning Department (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget)       |
| 9. Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope        | -Director, Lagos Bureau of Statistics (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget)         |
| 10. Mr. Pekun Sobodu         | -Director, Development Partnership Department (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget) |



## **1.2. Traditional Rulers**

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| 11. Alayeluwa Oba Oyekan Ajose Possi | -The Alapa of Apa       |
| 12. Alayeluwa Oba M.A. Ashafa        | -Onijakin of Ijanikin   |
| 13. Chief Tajudeen Dosa Ayipe        | -The Wawu of Badagry    |
| 14. Chief Samuel Olushina JP         | -The Agoloto of Badagry |

## **1.3. Physical Participants**

**(Please find list of physical participants attached)**

## **1.4. Virtual Participants**

**(Please find list of registered participants attached)**

## **2.0. COMMENCEMENT**

2.1. The meeting commenced at 10:43am. Mr. Obafemi Craig, who anchored the forum, asked all to rise and recite the first stanza of the National Anthem. He welcomed everyone present, both physically and virtually and then asked the physically present participants to introduce themselves.

## **3.0. WELCOME ADDRESS BY SPECIAL ADVISER ON ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MR ADEBAYO SODADE**

3.1. He acknowledged the presence of the Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube; the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi, Royal Highnesses: Chief Samuel Olushina JP, the Agoloto of Badagry; Alayeluwa Oba Oyekan Ajose Possi, the Alapa of Apa; Alayeluwa Oba M.A. Ashafa, Onijakin of Ijanikin; Chief Tajudeen Dosa Ayipe, the Wawu of Badagry, Representatives of Local Government Areas (LGA) and Local Council Development Areas (LCDA): Honourable Idowu Olusola, Ojo; Honourable Joseph, Badagry West; the President General for Council of Tradesmen and Artisans, Alhaji Nurudeen Buhari, CDA Chairman of Oto-Awori LCDA; Representative of Youth Empowerment Foundation, Honourable Ida Israel JP, the Foundation President for Wap Association of Nigeria, Representatives of Chief Mrs. Tinubu Folashade-Ojo, Iyaloja General: Chief Mrs. Adetoto, Deputy Iyaoloja General for Olorunda LCDA and Mrs. Folashade Adeniji Ogedengbe, Iyaloja General, Iba LCDA.

3.2. The Special Adviser, Mr Adebayo Sodade, said it was a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the Y2021 Budget Consultative Forum organized by the



Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, which was the second of its kind to be organized by the Administration of Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, in line with his promise for an all-inclusive governance.

3.3. He stated that the forum would take place in the five Divisions of Lagos State, having had the one for Ikeja the previous day and Badagry being held, Lagos (Island/Mainland), Ikorodu and Epe would be held the following days, respectively, so that inputs of all stakeholders could be taken into cognisance in the State's budget preparation process. He added that the essence of adopting that approach, was to further ensure that citizens participated fully and their choices drive government decision making in planning and budgeting for critical infrastructural, economic and social development.

3.4. The Special Adviser explained that the forum would also afford the State Government an avenue to update stakeholders on the half year performance of the budget, the resources available for the next budget, taking into cognisance all economic variables and externalities such as the price of Crude Oil, Inflation, Interest rates, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy.

3.5. He further emphasized that rubbing minds with the citizens, also provides the State with ample opportunity to share ideas geared towards the "Greater Lagos Project", while ensuring that the People's desired interests are adequately captured in the developmental agenda and that the expectation of the State Government, as regards the forum, was that the significant participation in the Budget preparation process by every individual, organization, royal fathers and bodies that were represented, would engender smoother implementation of the developmental agenda of the Government.

3.6. He mentioned that the State Government believed strongly that the success of the present administration rests squarely, on the cooperation of all and sundry, and therefore appealed to everyone, to fulfil their civic responsibilities through regular payment of taxes, monitoring of government projects and reporting observed lapses, protection of public facilities (which belongs to everyone) and infrastructure, obeying traffic and safety rules and regulation, ensuring environmental friendliness, and above all being security conscious.

3.7. He added that concerted efforts will be made on the part of the Government, not only to improve overall service delivery by Agencies of Government, but also to improve Tax Revenues by widening the tax base in order to meet citizens' expectations.

3.8. The Special Adviser concluded by welcoming everyone present, on behalf of the Lagos State Government (LASG), the Honourable Commissioner, Permanent Secretary, Management and Staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget to the Y2021 Budget Consultative Forum and wished them a successful deliberation.

#### **4.0. PRESENTATION ON Y2020 BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR Y2021 BY HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MR. SAM EGUBE**



**(Please find copy of presentation attached)**

4.1. The Honourable Commissioner acknowledged the presence of Chief Samuel Olushina JP, the Agoloto of Badagry; Alayeluwa Oba Oyekan Ajose Possi, the Alapa of Apa; Alayeluwa Oba M.A. Ashafa, Onijakin of Ijanikin; Chief Tajudeen Dosa Ayipe, the Wawu of Badagry and stood on existing protocol. He recognised the presence of attendees and representatives from the Social Impact Community, the Council of Tradesmen and Artisans and members of the Press.

4.2. He stated that the presentation was important because the State Government wants to ensure that the budget is not just the Government's budget, but the budget of every one and it was important that everyone was carried along and were able to participate in it. One of the foundations of the present Government is citizens' participation and relationship with every arms of Government. He added that the idea is that the state belongs to all and their participation as the people must go beyond the ballot boxes, therefore, the people of Lagos must be actively engaged as the State designs the project and implements the strategy of its Government.

4.3. The Honourable Commissioner stated that his presentation would take the participants through the objectives of the forum which was that LASG was about to commence another budget cycle for 2021 and to prepare the budget, it was important to get inputs from the people from the entire divisions of Lagos State, as it had been done for Ikeja the previous day, Badagry was the focus for the day.

4.4. He explained that the objective of the stakeholders meeting was to update stakeholders on the Half-Year performance of the Y2020 budget, inform the public of Government's plan for the rest of Y2020 and the focus areas of Y2021, obtain the stakeholders' contributions/suggestions on the Y2021 Budget process, which would help to ensure that the budget for the next year actually addresses some of the issues the State face.

4.5. The Honourable Commissioner mentioned that the State's revenue held out very strongly against all odds, with an 81% performance as a result of some technical manoeuvring that had been done at the beginning of the year in the State's bonds, which helped push the revenue forward, although the expenditure was not as strong because of the Lockdown. What that means is that it was difficult for the State to spend if people could not go out but he thanked God that the lockdown was beginning to ease substantially and therefore it was expected that there would be some acceleration of project execution, going forward.

4.6. He stated that there was a fall in crude oil revenue and low demand of crude oil around the world which created a very difficult scenario for global supply chain. As a -result, it was clear that the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) would drop, creating a possible increase in the State's Fiscal deficit position and because of the reduction in foreign exchange earnings nationally, there was going to be pressure on Naira, which would increase the cost of items, drive up inflation, lower the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) position and therefore, create a panic in the investing sector .This showed a need to look into employment issues ,food production and ensure that the State continues on course.

4.7. He explained that in order to face the high risk of unemployment and potential civil unrest, as a result of the pandemic, the State had to come up with



strategies, which were to maintain a strong pandemic response, restart the Lagos State economy and reimagine the way the State operates. In view of that, the State decided to review the Y2020 budget from the approved amount of ₦1,168.6billion to ₦920.5 billion while the State's debt sustainability ratio remains at 14.4%. This brought down the Budget Size to ₦920,469billion, the Total Revenue to ₦812,465billion, Total Recurrent Expenditure to ₦413,407billion and Total Capital Expenditure to ₦507,062billion.

4.8. He highlighted the several interventions LASG had implemented to minimize the impact of the pandemic which includes; development of isolation centres, development of mobile and stationary testing across the LGAs, increase of hazards and other incentives to health workers, free basic healthcare to the public at general hospitals and Primary Health Cares (PHC). He added that there was also a need to provide reliefs and support businesses and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) by delaying and giving extensions to tax fillings, and creation of extended moratorium period for those who took loans from the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF).

4.9. The Honourable Commissioner mentioned that the State also felt the need to intervene with relief for the vulnerable population of about 400,000 households, which is about 1.2 million people but it was not only the government that did, it was also done in partnership with the private sector and 'Lagosians' intervening in various places. He said the Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu and the Cabinet of Lagos State Government were grateful and very happy with the level of citizens' participation that was seen during the pandemic response. It shows that Lagos belongs to all of us and that the people look after each other in Lagos State, which is why Lagos is a very resilient city.

4.10. He informed the participants that the State also did things around food security, economic intervention, public safety and wellbeing because if people who normally earned their wages every day could no longer work, their livelihood would deteriorate heavily. The State approved what was called the World Intervention Program, which meant it would be intervening with projects in 377 wards of Lagos State. Projects would be prioritized to ensure that focus would be on ones with very high intensive manpower requirement He added that the State tried to focus on agriculture and to support empowerment in order to stabilize the economy and ensure that it adjusts, through the revised budget and focus on priority projects, so that job creation will continue and physical consolidation will be maintained.

4.11. He stated that the budget was revised and focused on the following areas:

i. Health: The State committed a significant amount of ₦20billion for intervention on COVID-19 issues, this amount was pushed into the Health Sector to ensure that the people and health workers are well catered for. There was the need to build a New Massey Children Hospital and the Lagos State Infectious Disease research Centre, so that the State's capability to respond in the future would be strengthened. When the budget gap was reviewed, the State ensured that the Health budget stayed as it was. The State is working on the construction of the Psychiatric hospital at Mayidun, Ikorodu and the General Hospital at Ojo, completion of the Psychiatric wards at (Lagos State University Teaching Hospital) LASUTH, furnishing the Modern Child Care Centre at Badagry and Epe and so much more. He added that there was going to be a very strong



response in the health care sector but as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, focus had been on Isolation Centres, the State would begin to accelerate those works in the health sector in terms of facility and management, going forward.

ii. Education: Education was also significantly affected as pupils could not go to school, therefore, the need to create an Education Trust Fund. An amount of ₦3billion would be dedicated to it, as an alternative way of supporting education, with children education going online through various media platforms. An amount of ₦620million was invested in various Jobs initiative programs and ₦385million into digital skills Initiative. The budget for quality assurance remained, to ensure quality, as education was going to be online as well as Television and radio stations, with CAPEX and Recurrent Expenditure at ₦200million.

iii. Works and Infrastructure: One of the sectors that stimulates the economy is the construction sector, it takes a lot of employment, hence, the need to keep the sector active as other programs in the State were being eased. This includes works being done in drainages which has a lot of ground works and brings about employment for a lot of people, the budget was increased to ₦1.6billion. Movement is important, which was why ₦4.8billion was being committed to the last Mile 2 initiative to encourage the Transportation Sector. The budget on infrastructure was aligned with the bond funded projects with an amount of ₦97billion.

iv. Agriculture: There were challenges around food security which proved the need to do something about agriculture in a more aggressive way, based on that the State has committed to finish the Rice Mill which would stimulate the entire value chain, with a budget of ₦8billion, with the support of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). The State felt the need to come up with policies that brought about transparency in the market spaces in a manner that would attract investments and create a mechanism by which food reserves could be improved, so that cases of pandemics would be better handled. In order to achieve this, a reservation of ₦2billion was made and an additional ₦1billion to be invested in the Lagos State Food Production Centre Avia, Igborosu in Badagry.

v. People Empowerment: In order for all the investments to yield result, it is important to empower the people and invest in trainings. An amount of ₦4.8billion would be invested through LSETF for quick interventions and ₦800million to be committed to training and skill acquisition in the Entertainment and Hospitality Sector.

4.12. The Honourable Commissioner explained that the State GDP growth forecast showed that there would be a decline in year 2020 to -3.75%, but there would be recline in 2021, taking it up to 3.5%, then a growth of 15% would be maintained in 2023 and, a rise in consumption: crude oil prices will gradually grow to \$60 by 2023 which would lead to a growth of 9% in the State's revenue, as driven by an increased IGR of 21%, federal transfer of 8% and capital receipts of -31%.

4.13. He highlighted the several completed and ongoing projects as:

a. The Rice Mill; The construction of the Rice Mill Site is being focused on with the support of CBN and is about 75% completed, it would produce an output of 120,000MT of rice, annually, which would make it one of the biggest Mills in this





part of the world. It would help increase local rice production by 75% and stimulate production around the country, create over 300,000 job opportunities, farming activities, production activities and supply chain activities. The Rice Mill Site would have several silos, warehouses, production centres and small factories around it, that could be used.

b. Farmers' Empowerment: Under the Agricultural Youth Empowerment Scheme, programs for 15,000 women and youths would be trained and another 10,000 under Agro-processing Productivity Enhancement & Livelihood Improvement Support Project (APPEALS), would be trained towards large scale production and processing of rice, eggs, poultry and fish. Efforts will be made towards the development of aquaculture (Lagos State Aquatic Centre of Excellence) with the intention of going into fish processing and preservation.

c. COVID-19 Response: The State is focused on a strong pandemic response, it was in line, that the Governor had been commissioning different Isolation Centres in Gbagada, Onikan, Eti-Osa to ensure that the COVID-19 outbreak was brought under control. Testing capacities have been improved and the percentage of infections have continued to remain flat and sometimes even declining, which showed progress.

d. Road Construction: The State had done quite a lot as regards road and intends to go on to do construction and strategic projects in several areas (pictures of the ongoing and completed roads constructions is attached). Work had been done in Bajulaye street, Shomolu L.G.A. The State was determined to continue the construction of the Badagry Expressway, and other constructions like Aradagun-Imeke-Iworo-Ajido-Epeme road with the bridge which is in Badagry LG, the construction of Samuel-Ekundayo/Toga road in Badagry LG, Abule-Ado road in Amuwo-Odofin, construction of bridge for Ajara Age-Ilase Poka/Erekiti road in Badagry, Lasu-Iba road, Alimosho LG, Ikoga road in Badagry ,Oba Omolaja road, Ikorodu LG. He added that gridlocks were put in place to ensure traffic improvement and a lot of palliatives and changes on reconstruction of several critical junctions around the State, for instance, in Ikotun, Lekki and Ikeja area.

e. Public Transport Management: The Governor is committed to bringing about changes and the State Government will not relent in its determination to ensure that the transportation infrastructures are upgraded and strengthened. Investments are being made in the waterways, the State had acquired 8 new vessels, making the State owned vessels 14, and ease the challenges of those who use the waterways. The State was working with some investors and the people of interest as to how to improve waterways transport and improve the feasibility of water transport. One of the ways the Government intends to improve transportation in Lagos is to create a viable multi-modal system between the rail, the road and the water transportation. The State has not stopped its determination to complete the rail transportation system and is working very hard to bring it to a financial close, so that even the rail systems also would be triggered.

f. Lagos State Broadband: The pandemic inspired and accelerated the need to digitize Lagos, upon the approval of the Digitization of the Metropolitan Broadband Duct Infrastructure for Technology, the House of Assembly, as partners of the objective, to approve the PPP arrangement during the lockdown that would then create a broadband highway around the metropolitan area of Lagos State. The 3,000km unified fibre duct system would carry high-speed of broadband





capability around Lagos State, that way the internet systems get faster, people are able to invest more in the technology space, which would create a lot of jobs because people would not be limited to working around Lagos. It would provide high internet speed to homes, offices and to various government institutions, and technology experts in Nigeria would be able to work for companies all around the world, which would and greatly improve our employment scenario. He added that it was purely a private sector investment in partnership with Lagos State Government.

g. Partnership and Strategic Relationships: The State Government is collaborating with the Federal Government, LSETF, United States African Development Foundation (USADF), Lagos State Operation Coordination Unit (LASOCU) and N-Power to come up with different initiatives and programs, all of which were made available because the present Administration prides itself in being open and accessible. For instance, LASOCU which was established to create a single social register that would lead to the conditional and unconditional fund transfer to the poor and vulnerable segment of the State, 131,011 households had been captured which led to Lagos State being moved from No.32 in march 2020 to NO. 12 in July 2020. He added that the money was coming from the World Bank and the Federal Government, and Lagos State is facilitating its Growth in that area so that the people are not left behind. He encouraged the people to register, participate and benefit from it

h. Drainage and Waste Management: Lagos State had increased the budget for dredging and clearing of canals and drainages and encouraged the people to stop disposing waste into drains because it causes a lot of problem.

i. Construction of Classrooms: the State had invested in lots of Schools, with a target to rehabilitate and reconstruct over 300 schools. Construction of 12 class room blocks had been done at Itun-Agan Community Grammar School, Amuwo Odofin and Muslim Junior College, Egbe.

j. Eko Excel Programme: He mentioned that beyond building and renovating of schools, education also includes teachers' training to ensure they in turn train the students well, which was why the Eko Excel Programme was launched. It is a very exciting programme that would ensure the standardization of teaching methods and would help administer and track teaching practices, and guides to make teaching easier. With these tools students would not be able to sign for other students in their absence, they don't go to school by signing a register, they go to school by showing up; once they show up, their iPad or tablets synchronizes with a central database, to show attendance. It would also monitor what the teachers are expected to teach and is teaching. The recruitment of more teachers are also ongoing.

k. Commissioning of Police Command: The importance of security was what led to the construction of a Police Command in Elemoro, which had been commissioned, if security fails, everything fails.

4.14. He concluded that in view of the challenges the State Revenue was facing, as a result of the pandemic, he would like to encourage 'Lagosians' to hold out as they always have and to ensure that they continue to pay taxes and contribute their quota to Lagos State. Feedbacks were welcomed on what was happening in their areas, so the state could know where they might be experiencing difficulties and above all,



Lagos State would be a greater place to live in and work in, if everyone joined their hands to work together.

## **5.0. QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS**

### **5.1. Physical Participants**

5.1.1. CDA Chairman of Oto-Awori LCDA, Hon. Musibau adekunle Asafa asked about the Rice Mill Site at Imota , and if its production of 120,000MT Rice, was daily, monthly or annually.

He mentioned that the land use charge was not being implemented in Badagry as communities do not understand it and it was the job of the Ministry in charge, is to make them see its benefits.

He expressed concerns about the state of the Badagry roads and how the construction workers were suffering and dying as they had no work space in all the areas that leads to Ojo, from Agbara to Seme, except for the Chinese construction company which had one in Amuwo-Odofin and he wanted to know if that was as a result of space or the COVID-19 outbreak.

5.1.2. Mrs. Obong Christiana asked about the Lagos State Trust Fund (LSETF) and how it could be accessed for capitals on projects

5.1.3. Comrade Olu Abiodun Peter, National Youth Council Badagry, stated that there were viewing centres in the 3 local Governments in Badagry that were not functional. He added that the Badagry road was in bad condition and a trip from Badagry round about to Agbara, took about a minimum of 2 hours. The road extension, from Agbara to Arada had about 22 Police check points collecting N100 from motorists, and Road Safety officials collecting N200 from that point to Badagry centres.

5.1.4. Adebukola Sofi, the Treasury secretary of Lagos state, stated that Ajegunle was short of schools and had only 2 secondary schools which were already overcrowded. Students have to go as far as Sari-Iganmu, Mile 2 and other areas to school, in the process they get assaulted or caught up ‘bad gangs’ and if they manage to make it to school, punctuality was an issue because of distance.

She mentioned that more attention should be given to vocational centres and suggested that academic awards be presented to students who had excellent performance in either internal or external examinations, even up to the tertiary level. Scholarships should be given as well, to motivate them and appreciate their efforts.

5.1.5. Baale of Badagry, commented about tourism and the approval/ disapproval of the Badagry site, and it being cancelled, because of the motion passed by the House Assembly to end anything pertaining to Slave Trade, then an approval came to recreate it during the Administration of Governor Babatunde Fashola, yet nothing had been done about it so far.



He suggested that the roads should be made motorable as they were in a deplorable state.

He commented that digitalization of Lagos State was a big innovation that should be undertaken by the Government and trainings should be organized for the youth so that they could be a part of it and know how to use technology especially now, with the pandemic, that meetings are virtual.

The Baale also stated that in Badagry, farming and fishing were their major source of livelihood and the unsafe conditions of the boat, especially at night hindered these activities. He mentioned that quality assurance was needed in place to prevent loss of life. He added that it was good that the Governor had purchased more vessels for Badagry water transportation, as the boats were also used to transport passengers from Badagry to Apapa and CMS

He added that the first nursery and primary school in Badagry, St. Thomas' Anglican Nursery and primary School, founded in 1843, was usually in a sorry state during the raining season and there were no drainages that could channel the water away, he pleaded with the Governor and Honourable Commissioner, to do something about the State of the school because it is an historic school.

5.1.6. Mr. Adeyemi Adebawale, Public Affairs Officer for Lagos State Office for Disability Affairs (LASODA) said he had heard the Honourable Commissioner mentioned a social intervention programme from the Federal Government and that the State Government was partnering with them. He urged 'Lagosians' to get ready to take the opportunity and he suggested that when such opportunities come, the State Government should not forget that LASODA is strategically positioned to serve the interest of persons with disabilities (PWD) in Lagos State because if they do things for everybody to participate the interest of people living with disabilities may not be taken care of, which was why LASODA exists. He further mentioned that LASODA knows how to go out there and reach PWDs in Lagos State. The disabled people were organized in different groups and LASODA collaborates with them. In whatever the Government wants to do for PWDs, it should be done through LASODA.

He also mentioned that the latest buses provided by the State Government were not disability compliant, there was a law in Lagos State that protects the interest of PWDs but it was found out that in recent times bus operators were denying PWDs access to these buses. Complaints had been made to LASODA and they were trying to intervene but the bus coordinator and conductors were not accommodating and said they could not allow PWDs to have any right in buses.

5.1.7. A member of youth parliament proposed the introduction of digital and vocational skills in secondary schools and for the youths. He said that it was a pity that most students taking the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) examination do not really know how to operate the computer and yet passed through secondary and vocational trainings. He mentioned that it was essential for students to acquire skills before graduating, this would enable them to be creative and productive their graduation and digital and vocation skills would push the country's development.

5.1.8. Mrs. Agbomo, Secretary of web mailer of Lagos state council Nigeria, commended and appreciated the State Government for the youth empowerment programmes, and mentioned that in order for voluntary organizations to be



proactive in building the youths the State should reconsider including in the budget as it had been stopped.

5.1.9. Mr. Yomi Oluniyi, LASODA mentioned that one of the intentions of the Governor of Lagos State was to have an inclusive government. He said that he observed that PWDs were experiencing work stress because of the infrastructural development and were not being put in consideration in work and transportation.

5.1.10. Hon. Israel Akiode, Dwarfs' Association of Nigeria wanted to know what PWDs would gain from the Housing project that would be launched. He also mentioned that during the administration of Mr. Babatunde Fashola, there was programme called 100 days in Office, which allowed the people to air their opinions and concern, the programme should be brought back. He then mentioned that the area he lived in was rough and lacked security, miscreants would go about breaking car glasses.

5.1.11. Another Participant expressed her concerns on the lack of interpreters in schools and General Hospitals, some General Hospitals might have just one interpreter which is low in comparison to the number of deaf who comes to the hospital on a daily basis. She mentioned there also were not enough teachers for the deaf, especially in community high schools, who could communicate using sign language. There was also need for more teachers and trainings for them, as well.

5.1.12. Chief Mrs. Folashade Adeniji, Iyaloja Iba LCDA mentioned that whenever an initiative starts, most people do not hear about it. For instance, when a form was brought to the Iyaloja, she was the first person who called to inform the market people, after which she filled hers but there was no alert nor response about it. She mentioned that it was unfair that it was the people who did not make any efforts were the ones who benefited from it. She asked the State to appoint people who oversaw and monitored such information. She added that although the Okokomaiko road had been done the market had been affected, the roads in Iba LCDA from Iyana Iba to Vogues to Pako were bad and attracted robbers in the early hours of the day.

She also mentioned that during the lockdown people were getting false phone calls and messages, asking them to come to certain places to collect money and other things.

## **5.2 Virtual Participants**

5.2.1. Mr. Olatunde Bakare complimented the Honourable Commissioner's on his presentation and mentioned that road construction for Aradagun to Imeke was yet to commence

Mr. Ibrahim Obajomo, the Director, Budget Department, responded that his observation was noted and would be given attention.

5.2.2. Ngozi Okoro highlighted the Lagos State Accountability Mechanism for Maternal and Newborn Health (LASAM) submissions of Priority areas for inclusion in the Y2021 Health Sector budget as follows:



- i. The Lagos State Government should increase the Y2021 health budget to 15% of the State budget to increase health coverage for Lagosians post-COVID-19.
- ii. Family Planning consumables budget line of N50m in the PHCB budget should be increased to N100m in the Y2021 Budget due to the huge increasing population coverage.
- iii. The State Government should allocate 1% of the Consolidated Revenue Funds (CRF) as Equity Funds in compliance with the Lagos State Health Scheme Law.
- iv. LSMOH to publish health sector detailed annual budget monitor online to ensure ease of access to the Health budget

Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope, Director of Lagos Bureau of Statistics (LBS) responded that her document and areas of interest had been noted and submitted during the session for Ikeja Division, the previous day.

5.2.3. Nunoni Balogun asked what proportion of the N170.411billion expended on Capital projects in half year 2020, was on the Badagry division of Lagos State; what was happening with the Lagos Home Ownership Mortgage Scheme (LagosHOMS) project in Badagry LGA as it seemed as the project had been abandoned; what the State Government was doing to develop Water Transportation especially in Badagry, considering the very poor condition of the Expressway.

She also mentioned her observation about Lagferry Boat not plying the Badagry route, and asked if that meant the Government does not have the people of Badagry in mind.

Mr. Ibukunoluwa Owoyeye responded that her comment and question would be directed to the appropriate Agency

5.2.4. Sakeenah Salvador Bakori suggested that 1% of the Consolidated Revenue Funds (CRF) should be allocated to Lagos State health Scheme.

Bisi Ekemode responded that her contribution had been noted.

5.2.5. Adeyemi Akanbi commented that there were no Youth Centres in Amuwo Odofin, Ajeromi Ifelodun Local Government and the ones in Badagry were not in good state. He implored the State Government to build more Youth Centres and look into renovating and equipping the existing ones.

Mr Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that his comments were noted by the relevant Agency.

5.2.6. Olatunde Bakare asked when the Maternal and Children Care Badagry was going to be commissioned, since it was ready.

Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that his question had been noted for further action



5.2.7. Joko Dawodu Omotola pleaded with the State Government to provide a Home, which could be a replica of Modupe Cole for children with severe Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). This would enable the parents of such children to pursue their various economic activities that would be used for their welfare and welfare of their other children without disabilities.

Ms. Bisi Ekemode, a Planning Officer, thanked her for her valid point and contribution, and responded that it would be sent to the relevant agency for further action.

5.2.8. Jane Bakare asked when the Water corporation project at Imeke would commence operations and also when work would commence on the Aradagun to Imeke road, as it was in a deplorable state.

Temitope Sanya responded that her question was noted and would be sent to the relevant agency for further action

5.2.9. Risi Williams commented on the state of Lagos-Badagry Expressway and how it was in bad conditions, especially from Barracks to Badagry. She added that it had affected many residents who lost labour hours on the road, her unit, Amuwo-Odofin Maternal Childcare Centre (MCC) and its sister hospital, Ajeromi General Hospital were all suffering as a result. She pleaded with the Government to help in that regard.

Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that her comments were noted for further action

5.2.10. NDA mentioned that only the Government Homes were funded and suggested that Private Orphanage Homes be included in the budget, as 80% of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) were in Private Orphanage Homes, especially in the period of the COVID-19 Pandemic when the world's economic took a down turn, support was needed.

Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that NDA's comment was noted.

5.2.11. Gabriel Mojishola asked what other measures the Government had in place to ensure a safer Water Transportation.

Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that it had already been worked on by the present administration and its policy implementation had commenced.

5.2.12. Fuad Badru thanked the Lagos State Government for the opportunity to share his opinions. He mentioned that Badagry division as a whole, had lots of issues that needed to be tackled, but focus should be on the more important ones first. He said that the people do not know how Capital projects expenditure for Badagry, were being managed, a Trunk A road now looked more like a Trunk F road and pleaded with the Government to thoroughly look into the capital projects on that axis

He stated that more investment should be made on education for the Badagry Division just like it had been done in Ibeju-Lekki. He added that the Health sector





in Badagry was in bad conditions and suggested that allocations be gives in that regard, in order for the people to get the best health care, even outside of private hospitals.

Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that his comments were noted as Badagry is also part of the State and key to the administration.

5.2.13. Yomi Newton commented that the presentation was quite involving and contributory, and thanked the State Government for the innovative virtual experience, which would make getting to the grassroots live and direct, easy and ensure accountability.

## **6.0 RESPONSES**

### **6.1. The Commissioner for Economic planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube:**

6.1.1 He responded to the concerns on Badagry Expressway that about ₦6billion had been put into bond to further the construction. He explained that the leadership of Lagos State was a very audacious one that likes to do things that are good for the people of Lagos State even if they were not normally done by a subnational. On the Badagry road is the blue line rail which the State is working hard to flag off, as the axis is an international axis that should be given attention. He said that he believed that the financing arrangement would be closed, as well as the red line, what is good for the world is also good for Lagos State, whether its subnational or not, the audacity to take Lagos to a greater height must be attained. He said he would allow the Director from the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure shed more light on the road infrastructure related projects.

He further emphasized that the State would work closely with the Federal Government on the road from Okoko to Agbara and from Agbara to Badagry, as the Man in charge was a former Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babatunde Fashola and action would be taken on this axis. He added that action taken was a function of the resources that had been allocated and the State would keep up the liaison with the Federal Government to ensure that, that portion of the road is part of the consideration.

6.1.2 About accessibility to loans from LSETF, the Honourable Commissioner responded that in order to access loans from LSETF, one had to go their office but before doing that, one has to go through the website to see the available facilities and the criteria required to access them, he added that they were loans that needed to be refunded so that it would be available for other Lagosians to access

6.1.3 About the lack of Youth centres, the Honourable Commissioner asked, for clarification if the youth centres were complete and not functioning or were not complete, Comrade Abiodun peter said they were dilapidated. He said it was part of the THEMES agenda to renovate all of the centres across Lagos State but that all could not be done at the same time. He said he would check the detailed program which specific Youth Centres in Badagry and when the renovation would be done. He added that the State's youth programme was a strong one that anchors on not just formal education but also





entertainment, tourism and sport. The agenda would be pushed around that to ensure youth participations and create opportunities through their participation.

6.1.4 About the Check points, the Honourable Commissioner mentioned that as part of the budgetary framework and the Medium Term Sector Strategy, Lagos State had resolved, based on the roll over plan, that top priority would be given to existing projects and commissioning of projects and in order for people go get value from projects, they must be completed. He mentioned that Police checkpoints were there for a purpose and sometimes the check points could be illegal, although some are normal checkpoints but they are not there to be collecting money from citizens. He said the complaints were not new and would be looked into, the police force would take actions and also take out the bad eggs in their midst.

6.1.5 He also responded to questions on education, to which he said it was very important and he had made some points around the improvement of educational infrastructures, including teachers' training which would create outcomes. Just like the Honourable Commissioner for Education, Mrs. Folashade Adefisayo had mentioned the previous day, about quizzes and healthy competitions for the youth, where prizes could be won and occasions to acknowledge the best and brightest students. The programme, which is very laudable one supported by the State Government, had not been stopped, as he had just spoken with the Permanent Secretary of Civil Service Commission. The last was held the previous year, but the pandemic had made it difficult to hold another this year.

6.1.6 He was excited about the quality contributions from the Royal fathers, which showed the quality of leadership in Badagry. He said that a lot of the points made had been noted and some them would be raised by the Director for Works. He added that the revenue the State collects was small, compared to its expenditures and the ratio of revenues to GDP shows how much revenue needs to be collected in order to support a particular level of productive output. The ratio of revenue to GDP for Lagos is 2%; Nigeria, 6%; Ghana, 15%; Italy, 15%; South Africa 25%; Egypt 15%, Europe, 40%. The state is collecting almost 10 times less revenue that what could support the economy and the activities and there was a lot that the State had to do. He explained that the like the Broadband fibre infrastructure was not funded by Lagos State but by creating partnership through PPP arrangement and structures by which the State is able to do more with less. He believes that as the State and the people build, the revenue of Lagos State would increase because revenue comes from the prosperity of the people, if the people prosper and they hold on to a disciplined and responsible behaviour then the income would also go up. What is referred to as the income of Lagos State is the money that would be used for all.

6.1.7. He thanked the Royal Fathers and everyone for coming for the forum. He stated that governance was a continuous process and that it was expected that the people would not stop talking even after the forum had ended and if there were things that bothered the participants, they could come to MEPB or reach out to any of the Commissioners as their numbers were available online.

6.1.8. He encouraged the participants to improve on their skills and ability to communicate digitally, using technology. For instance, although there were 50 people who physically participated in the forum, over a 100 were watching and listening from their homes as well. He mentioned that the idea was to make



governance easier through the Citizens Gate, through which people could reach the Government without having to come down to Alausa, so the people should get comfortable using the platform.

6.1.9. He further encouraged the participants to register with LASRRA and to encourage others to do so as well. The major problem the Government had during the pandemic was how to respond to people without having their data, which was why it was important for the people to register, so if response were to be provided, it could be determined which area it was needed.

6.1.10. He mentioned that there was a registration of vulnerable households into the national database and cash transfers were made to vulnerable individuals but if one was not registered, his/her name would not be there. It was not a matter of pride, the money was from the Federal Government and it should be taken.

6.1.11. He stated that Digital skills should not just be improved on in schools but everywhere, which was why the Broadband fibre infrastructure would be gotten near schools, hospitals and homes. With technology, people would not have to stress themselves and get in buses all the time.

6.1.12. He responded to the suggestion on subvention for voluntary organizations that the goal of the Government was to coordinate all voluntary services and set up a voluntary corps under the office of the Special Adviser to the Governor on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The idea came up because so many people want to volunteer and it needs to be coordinated so that all the people would be reached and the State could participate through the voluntary organizations. He also encouraged everyone to pay their taxes.

## **6.2. The Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Adebayo Sodade:**

6.2.1. He responded that all the concerns of the people had been noted. On PWDs, it was said that everyone had one disability or the other but just had different strengths and weaknesses. He mentioned that it had always been the policy of Lagos State to look after the physically challenged and Lagos State was the first State to make laws that protects them. It was noted that there was the need to involve LASODA in the Federal Government social intervention and the issues of buses would also be taken up.

6.2.2. He mentioned that the need for interpreters and teachers' trainings for secondary schools were noted, and that the State was working on a social protection policy. He assured the participants that the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget (MEPB) had taken it to the Executives and they have gone back to the drawing table to fine tune it. He added that the social protection policy was going to address, in a comprehensive manner, all the concerns that had been expressed and he was sure that Mr. Adebowale was aware of the potential social policy.

## **6.3. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi:**

6.3.1 She responded to the comment by Iyaloja that the roads in Iba LCDA had been noted. She also mentioned that during the COVID-19 pandemic, it was



Lagos State Residents Registration Agency (LASRRA) that sent out messages to people and they did not asked them to go anywhere to collect food, whatever was given was delivered to the people's doorsteps, as they had their respective addresses but if it were so, that people were told to go to a particular place to collect food, it would be looked into.

#### **6.4. The Director, Road Construction Department, Engr. Olutokunbo Oyenuga:**

6.4.1 He gave an update on road constructions, he mentioned that the Badagry Expressway is a 60km road and LASG had awarded a contract for the construction up to 22km and had been concluded up to Trade Fair. The issue of the Fence of the Military Barrack at Ojogbe Ojo road is being resolved and the State was trying to reconstruct. The road construction had to stop due to the COVID-19 pandemic which made the contractors to leave site but they have returned, although not in full as the pandemic was yet to end. The road from Okoko to Agbara was being constructed by Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and the construction from Agbara to Badagry was being constructed by the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing but also had to stop due to the pandemic and the contractors were yet to return back to site. The road from Trade Fair to Okoko is being made rideable, the officer for China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) had been doing the palliative work and had been contacted to go back and resume work.

#### **7.0 VOTE OF THANKS BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MRS. ADETUTU LIADI**

7.1. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mrs Adetutu Liadi appreciated the Honourable Commissioner, Mr. Sam Egube, for his presentation and efforts; the Special Adviser to the Governor, Mr. Adebayo Sodade for his support; the Senior Special Assistant on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Olalekan Balogun; other top Government functionaries in the Ministry of economic Planning and Budget, Directors, Heads of Units, the members of staff and all participants who joined the forum both physically and virtually.

7.2. She formally expressed gratitude to all the guests, who, at great cost and sacrifice made time to honour the State's invitation to the Y2021 Consultative Forum organised by the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, to foster transparency and accountability in the preparation process of the State's Y2021 Budget.

7.3. The Permanent Secretary, stated that over the years, the people's contributions had been of immense benefit and value to the State Government especially in charting the way forward in the State's economic developmental projections.

7.4. She further emphasized that the State was hopeful that the outcomes of the deliberations of the Badagry Division would impact positively on the budget preparation which was intended to ensure that the desired interests of the people were not only captured but implemented in order of priority.



7.5. She used the opportunity to enjoin everyone to continue to fulfil their civic responsibilities of paying their taxes as and when due, so that the State Government could continue to implement and carry out more development projects and programmes in all divisions within the State.

7.6. She concluded by thanking everyone, once again, on behalf of the Honourable Commissioner, Special Adviser, Senior Special Assistant and the entire staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget and mentioned that the State is looking forward to receiving the people again, in the years to come and wished everyone journey mercies to their various destinations.

**8.0** The meeting ended at 1:11pm.

**Name:** Ayo Adebuseye

**Organization:** Lagos State Civil Society Partnership (LACSOP)

**Signature:**



**Name:** Obajomo Ibrahim Amodu

**Organisation:** Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget

**Signature:**



LAGOS  
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DIVISION  
6<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST, 2020

**MINUTES OF Y2021 BUDGET CONSULTATIVE FORUM (IKORODU DIVISION) HELD ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST 2020 AT THE ADEYEMI BERO AUDITORIUM, LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, ALAUSA, IKEJA**

**1.0. ATTENDANCE**

**1.1. Lagos State Government**

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| 1. Mr. Sam Egube             | -Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget                                |
| 2. Mr. Adebayo Sodade        | -Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget   |
| 3. Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi | -Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget                           |
| 4. Arc. Gbolahan Oki         | -Chief Resilience Officer, Lagos State Resilience Office                                 |
| 5. Dr. Folayinka Dania       | -Deputy Chief Resilience Officer, Lagos State Resilience Office                          |
| 6. Mr. Olalekan Balogun      | -Senior Special Assistant on Economic Planning and Budget                                |
| 9. Mr. Ibrahim Obajomo       | -Director, Budget Department (Ministry of - Economic Planning and Budget)                |
| 10. Mrs. Simisola Otuyalo    | -Director, Economic Planning Department (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget)       |
| 11. Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope       | -Director, Lagos Bureau of Statistics (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget)         |
| 12. Mr. Pekun Sobodu         | -Director, Development Partnership Department (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget) |
| 13. Engr. Olutokunbo Oyenuga | -Representative, Ministry of Works and Infrastructure                                    |

**1.2. Traditional Rulers**

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| 13. Oba Semiu Orimadegun Kasali | -The Adeboluwa of Igbogbo |
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| 14. Oba Mudashiru Ajibade Bakare-Agoro | -The Ranodu of Imota         |
| 15. Chief Tajudeen A. Onasanya         | -The Odofin of Igbogbo       |
| 16. Chief Alliu Musediq                | - The Regent/ Olisa of Ijede |

### **1.3. Physical Participants**

**(Please find list of physical participants attached)**

### **1.4. Virtual Participants**

**(Please find list of registered participants attached)**

## **2.0. COMMENCEMENT**

2.1. The meeting commenced at 10:00am. Mr. Obafemi Craig, who anchored the forum, asked all to rise and recite the first stanza of the National Anthem. He welcomed everyone present, both physically and virtually and then asked the physically present participants to introduce themselves.

## **3.0. WELCOME ADDRESS BY SPECIAL ADVISER ON ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MR ADEBAYO SODADE**

3.1. The Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Adebayo Sodade acknowledged the presence of the Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube; the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi, Royal Highnesses: Alayeluwa Oba Mudashiru Ajibade Bakare-Agoro, the Ranodu of Imota; Alayeluwa Oba Semiu Orimadegun Kasali, the Adeboruwa of Igbogbo; Chief Tajudeen A. Onasanya, the Odofin of Igbogbo; the Management and staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, and all participants present.

3.2. He said it was a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the Y2021 Budget Consultative Forum organized by the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, which was the second of its kind to be organized by the Administration of Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, in line with his promise for an all-inclusive governance.

3.3. He stated that the forum would take place in the five Divisions of Lagos State: Ikeja, Badagry, Ikorodu, Lagos (Island/Mainland) and Epe, so that inputs of all stakeholders could be taken into cognizance in the State's budget preparation process. He added that the essence of adopting that approach, was to further ensure that citizens participate fully and their choices drive government decision making in planning and budgeting for critical infrastructural, economic and social development. He explained that the forum would also afford the State Government an avenue to





update stakeholders on the half year performance of the budget, the resources available for the next budget, taking into cognizance all economic variables and externalities such as the price of Crude Oil, Inflation, Interest rates, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy.

3.4. The Special Adviser pointed out that rubbing minds with the citizens, also provides the State with ample opportunity to share ideas geared towards the “Greater Lagos Project”, while ensuring that the People’s desired interests are adequately captured in the developmental agenda and that the expectation of the State Government, as regards the forum, was that the significant participation in the Budget preparation process by every individual, organization, royal fathers and bodies that were represented, would engender smoother implementation of the developmental agenda of the Government.

3.5. He mentioned that the State Government believed strongly that the success of the present Administration rests squarely, on the cooperation of all and sundry, and therefore appealed to everyone, to fulfil their civic responsibilities through regular payment of taxes, monitoring of government projects and reporting observed lapses, protection of public facilities (which belongs to everyone) and infrastructure, obeying traffic and safety rules and regulation, ensuring environmental friendliness, and above all being security conscious. He added that concerted efforts will be made on the part of the Government, not only to improve overall service delivery by Agencies of Government, but also to improve Tax Revenues by widening the tax base in order to meet citizens’ expectations.

3.6. the Special Adviser welcomed everyone present, on behalf of the Lagos State Government (LASG), the Honourable Commissioner, Permanent Secretary, Management and Staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget to the Y2021 Budget Consultative Forum and wished them a successful deliberation.

#### **4.0. PRESENTATION ON Y2020 BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR Y2021 BY HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MR. SAM EGUBE**

**(Please find copy of presentation attached)**

4.1. The Honourable Commissioner, Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube specially recognized the Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Adebayo Sodade; the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi; Royal Fathers: Alayeluwa Oba Mudashiru Ajibade Bakare-Agoro, the Ranodu of Imota; Alayeluwa Oba Semiu Orimadegun Kasali, the Adeboruwa of Igbogbo; Chief Tajudeen A. Onasanya, the Odofin of Igbogbo, Director, Budget Department, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Ibrahim Obajomo and other colleagues from various Ministries and Parastatals.

4.2. He explained that idea of the Consultative Forum was to ensure that ‘Lagosians’ were involved in the budgetary process as the State flags off and



continues the budgetary process for Y2021, because Lagos belonged to everyone and the people's inputs count in determining the direction of development in Lagos State. He assured the participants that the inputs from the conversations held would be taken into account in the budget. He mentioned that a forum was also held the previous year and it was important to give the account, so that the people could move on with confidence that the meetings really matter, the inputs would be put together and synthesized through the budgetary process so that everyone would be on the same page. He added that it was said during the campaign that when Lagos speaks Sanwo-Olu listens and it was in that line that the State Government must continue to engage the citizens and not just during the Forum. Even after the Forum ends, the doors and ears of the Government were opened to be engaged and the participants should not think that whatever they forgot to say at the Forum was over for the year, there were different channels through which the Government could be reached and communicated with.

4.3. He mentioned that the State's revenue performed well at 81% with ₦432billion as against the expectation of 21% at ₦535billion despite the deep challenges in the second quarter as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, however the State continued to manage very tightly to ensure that the revenue was gotten as high as it could be gotten because it was the revenue that is used for all the projects in the various constituencies. He added that the revenue does not fall from the air it was the collection of all the taxes paid to the state, although the money looked like a lot, he explained that compared to the State's GDP the revenue was small. He then encouraged the participants to join hands with the Government by paying taxes which was a civic responsibility. He went on to say that it was difficult to claim civic rights without undertaking and considering civic responsibilities.

4.4. He further emphasized the size of the revenue by explaining that it was said that the economy of Lagos State was 5th in Africa, in terms of size which showed that there was a relationship between the size of the economy and its revenue. For instance: Ghana has 15% of their revenue in their GDP, Egypt, 15%; South Africa, 25%; Europe, 40%; Lagos State, 2%. Lagos State is almost 10 times less than it should be. It might appear that the State was collecting a lot of money, but really most people in Lagos are not paying the right taxes and many are not paying taxes at all. He added that the taxes were the people's investment in the state and it was against those investments that demands are placed on the State's infrastructure, schools, health care services and others.

4.5. The Honourable Commissioner explained that if people could not work, then people could not eat and therefore within this very difficult situation LASG was able to achieve greater revenues while managing expenditure. He added that there were indications the key drivers of the State's revenue were going to be affected severely by the pandemic and worsen over the year, a forecast of revenue drop by 24%, requiring a 21% drop in expenditure were given. It was on this basis that the budget was reversed downward because the State felt that the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) would drop by about 29%, the capital receipts by 5% and federal transfers by 30%.

4.6. He stated that there was a fall in crude oil revenue and low demand of crude oil around the world which created a very difficult scenario for global supply chain. As a result, it was clear that the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR)



would drop, creating a possible increase in the State's Fiscal deficit position and because of the reduction in foreign exchange earnings nationally, there was going to be pressure on Naira, which would increase the cost of items, drive up inflation, lower the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) position and therefore, create a panic in the investing sector. This showed a need to look into employment issues, food production and ensure that the State continues on course.

4.7. He explained that in order to face the high risk of unemployment and potential civil unrest, as a result of the pandemic, the State had to come up with strategies, which were to maintain a strong pandemic response, restart the Lagos State economy and reimagine the way the State operates. In view of that, the State decided to review the Y2020 budget from the approved amount of ₦1,168.6billion to ₦920.5 billion while the State's debt sustainability ratio remains at 14.4%. This brought down the Budget Size to ₦920,469billion, the Total Revenue to ₦812,465billion, Total Recurrent Expenditure to ₦413,407billion and Total Capital Expenditure to ₦507,062billion.

4.8. He highlighted the several interventions LASG had implemented to minimize the impact of the pandemic which includes the development of isolation centres, development of mobile and stationary testing across the LGAs, increase of hazards and other incentives to health workers, free basic healthcare to the public at general hospitals and Primary Health Centres (PHC). He added that there was also a need to provide reliefs and support businesses and Small and Medium Enterprises(SMEs) by delaying and giving extensions to tax fillings, and creation of extended moratorium period for those who took loans from the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF).

4.9. He mentioned that the State also felt the need to intervene with relief for the vulnerable population of about 400,000 households, which is about 1.2 million people but it was not only the government that did. The State found that when need arises, the spirit of Lagos State rises and that in the face of challenges, the people joined hands with the Government and supported all the initiatives.

4.10. He informed the participants that the State also did things around food security, economic intervention, public safety and wellbeing because if people who normally earned their wages every day could no longer work, their livelihood would deteriorate heavily. The State tried to focus on agriculture and to support empowerment in order to stabilize the economy and ensure that it adjusts, through the revised budget and focus on priority projects, so that job creation will continue and physical consolidation will be maintained.

4.11. He stated that the budget was revised and focused on the following areas:

i. Health: The State committed a significant amount of ₦20billion for intervention on COVID-19 issues, this amount was pushed into the Health Sector to ensure that the people and health workers are well catered for. There was the need to build a New Massey Children Hospital and the Lagos State Infectious Disease Research Centre, so that the State's capability to respond in the future would be strengthened. When the budget gap was reviewed, the State ensured that the Health budget stayed as it was.



ii. Education: Education was also significantly affected as pupils could not go to school, therefore, the need to create an Education Trust Fund. An amount of ₦3billion would be dedicated to it, as an alternative way of supporting education, with children education going online through various media platforms. An amount of ₦620million was invested in various Jobs initiative programs and ₦385million into digital skills Initiative. The budget for quality assurance remained, to ensure quality as education was going to be more remote than physical, with CAPEX and Recurrent Expenditure at ₦200million.

iii. Works and Infrastructure: One of the sectors that stimulates the economy is the construction sector, it takes a lot of employment, hence, the need to keep the sector active as other programs in the State were being eased. This includes works being done drainages which has a lot of ground works and brings about employment for a lot of people, the budget was increased to ₦1.6billion. Movement is important, which was why ₦4.8billion was being committed to the last Mile 2 initiative to encourage the Transportation Sector. The budget on infrastructure was aligned with the bond funded projects with an amount of ₦97billion.

iv. Agriculture: There were challenges around food security which proved the need to do something about agriculture in a more aggressive way, based on that. the State has committed to finish the Rice Mill which would stimulate the entire value chain, with a budget of ₦8billion, with the support of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). The State felt the need to come up with policies that brought about transparency in the market spaces in a manner that would attract investments and create a mechanism by which food reserves could be improved, so that cases of pandemics would be better handled. In order to achieve this, a reservation of ₦2billion was made and an additional ₦1billion to be invested in the Lagos State Food Production Centre.

v. People Empowerment: In order for all the investments to yield result, it is important to empower the people and invest in trainings. An amount of ₦4.8billion would be invested through LSETF for quick interventions and ₦800million to be committed to training and skill acquisition in the Entertainment and Hospitality Sector.

4.12. He explained that the State GDP growth forecast showed that there would be a decline in year 2020 to -3.75%, but there would be recline in 2021, taking it up to 3.5%, then a growth of 15% would be maintained in 2023 and, a rise in consumption: crude oil prices will gradually grow to \$60 by 2023 which would lead to a growth of 9% in the State's revenue, as driven by an increased IGR of 21%, federal transfer of 8% and capital receipts of -31%.

4.13. He highlighted the several completed and ongoing projects as:

a. The Rice Mill; The construction of the Rice Mill Site is being focused on with the support of CBN and is about 75% completed, it would produce an output of 120,000MT of rice, annually, which would make it one of the biggest Mills in this part of the world. It would help increase local rice production by 75% and stimulate production around the country, create over 300,000 job opportunities, farming activities, production activities and supply chain activities. The Rice Mill Site would have several silos, warehouses, production centres and small factories around it, that could be used.



b. Farmers' Empowerment: Under the Agricultural Youth Empowerment Scheme, programs, 15,000 women and youths would be trained and another 10,000 under Agro-processing Productivity Enhancement & Livelihood Improvement Support Project (APPEALS), would be trained towards large scale production and processing of rice, eggs, poultry and fish. Efforts will be made towards the development of aquaculture (Lagos State Aquatic Centre of Excellence) with the intention of going into fish processing and preservation.

c. COVID-19 Response: The State is focused on a strong pandemic response, it was in line that, that the Governor had been commissioning different Isolation Centres in Gbagada, Onikan, Eti-Osa to ensure that the COVID-19 outbreak was brought under control. Testing capacities have been improved and the percentage of infections have continued to remain flat and sometimes even declining, which showed progress.

d. Road Construction: The reconstruction and upgrade of: Igbogbo - Bola Ahmed Tinubu - Igbe Road, in Ikorodu, the Agric-Isawo road into a 4-lane Dual Carriageway, the Ijede Road were in progress. There were also 116 Joint Taskforce Initiative on roads maintenance in Prince Abiodun Ogunleye Road, Adeniran Ogunsanya Street, Oseni Sotonwa Close, Oba Omolaja, Ikorodu Roundabout To Sabo, Wahab Balogun Street and Oba Ranodu/Onabu Road, Imota In Ikorodu LGA were ongoing. Upon completion, the road will improve road connectivity, improve traffic flow, reduce travel time, enhance Intermodal transportation and Improve the health of residents, enhance the value of property, and change the face of Infrastructure, as could be seen with works done in Balujaye Street, Somolu LGA.

e. Public Transport Management: 60 identified gridlock points across the State were resolved in collaboration with the Traffic Taskforce Team and Recruitment of 1000 trained LASTMA officials to boost traffic control and management.

The Governor is committed to bringing about changes and the State Government will not relent in its determination to ensure that the transportation infrastructures are upgraded and strengthened. Investments are being made in the waterways, the State had acquired 6 new vessels, making the State owned vessels 14, to ease the challenges of those who use the waterways. One of the ways the State intends to improve transportation is by creating a viable multi-modal system between the rail, road and water transportation.

f. Lagos State Broadband: The pandemic inspired and accelerated the need to digitize Lagos, upon the approval of the Digitization of the Metropolitan Broadband Duct Infrastructure Technology, the House of Assembly, as partners of the objective, to approve the PPP arrangement, during the lockdown that would then create a broadband highway around the metropolitan area of Lagos State. The 3,000km unified fibre duct system would carry high-speed of broadband capability around Lagos State that would enable Government institutions, homes to connect at high speed. He added that during the lockdown, the State Government was able to approve memos and continue running Government.

g. Partnership and Strategic Relationships: The State Government is collaborating with the Federal Government, LSETF, United States African Development Foundation (USADF), Lagos State Operation Coordination Unit (LASOCU) and N-Power to come up with different initiatives and programs, all of which were



made available because the present Administration prides itself in being open and accessible. For instance, LASOCU which was established to create a single social register that would lead to the conditional and unconditional fund transfer to the poor and vulnerable segment of the State, 131,011 households had been captured which led to Lagos State being moved from No.32 in March 2020 to No. 12 in July 2020. He encouraged the people to register, participate and benefit from it.

h. Drainage and Waste Management: Lagos State had increased the budget for dredging and clearing of canals and drainages and encouraged the people to stop disposing waste into drains because it causes a lot of problem.

i. Construction of Classrooms: the State had invested in lots of Schools, with a target to rehabilitate and reconstruct over 300 schools. Construction of 12 classroom blocks had been done at Itun-Agan Community Grammar School, Amuwo Odofin and Muslim Junior College, Egbe.

j. Eko Excel Programme: There is also a need to train teachers which was why the Eko Excel Programme was launched. It is a very exciting programme that would ensure the standardization of teaching methods and would help administer and track teaching practices, and guides to make teaching easier. With these tools students would not be able to sign for other students in their absence as the equipment used will synchronize with a central system that registers the student's presence. It would also monitor what teachers are expected to teach and is teaching. The teachers of Lagos are excited about the programme, the Commissioner for Education is excited and there are hopes that the people would be too and recruitment is ongoing to employ more teachers.

k. Commissioning of Police Command: The importance of security was what led to the construction of a Police Command in Elemoro, which had been commissioned, if security fails, everything fails.

4.14. He concluded that in view of the challenges the State Revenue was facing, as a result of the pandemic, LASG is committed to growing the State's IGR to be able to sustain its developmental programmes/projects and he added that feedbacks were welcomed on what was happening in their areas, so the State could know where they might be experiencing difficulties.

## **5.0. QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS**

### **5.1. Physical Participants**

5.1.1. President of Lagos State Council of Tradesmen and Artisans (LASCOTA): pleaded with Lagos State Government to make provision for foreign training for the Artisan members in the State, so that they would be able to improve on their skills. He added that artisans should be granted easier access to loans with lesser conditions and interest rates so as not to make it difficult for them to pay it back.

He Further requested that the State Government should involve LASCOTA in the State projects and explained to the Honourable Commissioner that the Council had 20000 departments already with the Lagos State Government and promised





that before the end of the year about 10,000 artisans would be dedicated to Lagos State Government, so that artisans would not be coming from other States to take the jobs of the State's tax paying artisans.

He however expressed his displeasures on how artisans were being used during elections but when it was time for festivities they were not involved.

5.1.2. Prince Adeniran ogunbanwo, CDC chairman for Ikorodu North, thanked the Government on what was being done in Ikorodu division and suggested that when projects are being done in the administrative divisions, Ikorodu should get more, as Ikorodu had more CDAs.

He thanked the Honourable Commissioner for the funds for the strategic roads: Ishawo Road, Igbogbo Road and Ijede Road and suggested that the State considers access road to Imota, Sagamu and Itokin Road, so as to support the infrastructures being done in that area.

He mentioned that Ikorodu had different Local Governments: Ikorodu North, Ikorodu West, Igbogbo/Bayeku, Ijede and Imota and all their request had been compiled and would be presented to the Honourable Commissioner for attention

5.1.3. Ahmed Bola Tijani, Nigeria Computer Society (Lagos Chapter) suggested that more attention should be given to digital literacy in the Public Sector and Lagos State in general. He mentioned that the National Information Technology Development Agency, Federal Agency was looking at training Nigerians on digital literacy and suggested that the State Government should be a part , as well as the Local Government.

5.1.4. Adeshiyan Muda, Lagos State Butchers Association wants the Government to help the Association to convey cows through trains from the North rather than lorries because of disturbances from Boko Haram and Fulani Herdsmen on the road, which made things costly.

5.1.5. Mr Abdullah Hammed Obafemi suggested the construction of fly over bridges at some critical area like Owode and ikorodu General Roundabout.

He suggested the construction of general health centres in Igbogbo/Bayeku to cater for its large community.

He also suggested the provision of water transportations in Oreta, Ofin, Bayeku, Ebute and Ijede which could enhance the State's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR).

5.1.6. Chief Tajudeen A. Onasanya, the Odofin of Igbogbo: commented that in the area of tax collection, the tax net was not well spread in a way that revenue could come into the State and said it could be as result of the traditional institutions not being continually used beyond the Obas advising the Government or crisis settlement. Also the people do not understand why they were supposed to pay the Land Use Charge.

He also commented about the bad condition of the road leading to the the Rice Mill at Imota, and how it was only the people of Igbogbo who could access the road and as a result people could not appreciate the operation that was going on there.

5.1.7. Oba Mudashiru Ajibade Bakare-Agoro, the Ranodu of Imota mentioned that there were two major projects under Construction in Imota but he had only





heard the Rice Mill at Imota being mentioned. The kabiyesi explained that he had written to the Governor last December about provision for a dedicated line for the operations at Imota rather than the suggestion to use Independent Power Plants (IPP) but they were yet to respond and so he would drop a copy that had been written to the Honourable Commissioner.

He also said there had been a budget for the Lagos State food stuff market for over 3 years now but there was yet to be progress and recently he heard a ministerial committee which were working on relocating the market to a waterlogged area, which he was not excited about. The Government had promised there would be no abandoned projects but yet billions were being spent on projects; roads and other infrastructures but there were still no obvious changes.

He also mentioned that there was no VIP Chalet in Ibeshe and Ikorodu division was the only division without one.

He suggested that the roads from Imota to Ogun State should be looked into because of the Rice Mill, in order for it not to become like the situation at Apapa Port. He was glad that construction of the link roads from Ikorodu to Igbogbo to Ijede were ongoing, which would reduce the pressure on the main road from Ikorodu to Itokin.

Oba mudahiru then presented the document to the Honourable Commissioner.

5.1.8. Oba Semiu Orimadegun Kasali, the Adeboluwa of Igbogbo mentioned that there were industries established previously by the former administration in the State and it was understood that some of these industries may have been leased or sold out while some were still functioning. In Igbogbo the former NEPA building had been there with nothing done to the piece of land, he mentioned that the Government should talk to those who had taken over the infrastructures to use them so the State could benefit from them. He also talked about Nichemtex Industry which was one of the biggest textile industries in Nigeria, occupying a wide expanse of land, which he had seen the Honourable Commissioner, Commerce Industry and Cooperatives about. He asked for the assistance of the Government so that all those industries could be more optimized, used to provide employment and generate revenue for the State.

## **5.2. Virtual Participants**

5.2.1. Olufemi Saibu commented that there was need to bring Lagos State Residents' Registration Agency (LASRRA) point closer to people and in most cases the LGA were inaccessible in terms of cost and convenience. He suggested that partnership with banks should be looked at, as most people visit banks regularly, the waiting time could be used for registration.

Mr. Temitope Sanya) responded that his suggestion was noted and would be sent to the appropriate agency for further action.

5.2.2. Seyi Sanjo-Bankole suggested that consideration be given to special education to cover the training of special education teachers, modern and up to date specialized learning materials, the use of the Individualized Education Plan and provision for a less restrictive learning environments, for students with special needs. He added that investment in standardized training of people with special needs would add value to the



economic development of the State and bring about a viable workforce better equipped with skill sets that could positively drive the economy.

Mr. Olumide Ajao (Assistant Chief Planning Office) responded that his request had been noted and would be attended to.

5.2.3. Disu-Shoyiga Abiodun pointed out to the Hon. Commissioner that the on-going Ijede Itamaga road was not captured as part of the ongoing project and he should please clarify on that.

He also highlighted what should be done in Ijede LCDA on behalf of the Executive Chairman Ijede Local Council Development Area Salisu Fatiu Jimoh as follows:

a. Position of Ijede LCDA on Road Infrastructure, Transport and Traffic Management Roads: These roads are in a deplorable state and need urgent attention. These roads are accessible but are in bad condition, the roads lead to Egbin Power Station and about 42(forty-two) different neighbourhood towns and communities. The roads include:

- i. Ijede Road, Ginti to Ijede (commencement of Phase II that will terminate at Ijede Round-About, Oke-Oyinbo, Ijede).
- ii. Ilupeju Ring Road leading to Anwar-ul-Islam Pry. School which has been abandoned since 2007 should be completed.
- iii. Abule-Eko through Gbopa, Gbodo to Ewu Owa
- iv. Pacific to Igbe Oloja through Agunfoye leading to Igbogbo Baiyeku.
- v. Ayegbami to Abule Eko leading to Imota.
- vi. IGBE Laara to Ginti.
- vii. Construction of Palm Avenue, Oke-Eletu Ijede road linking Igbopa, Igbodo, Ewu-Owa Villages, Ijede

b. Position of Ijede LCDA on Security: A major security issue in Ijede Local Council Development Area is the menace of cultists (in spite of various measures by the LCDA to curb their activities) who after perpetrating their nefarious activities escape through the waterways. It is also observed that virtually all Police Area Commands established during the Fashola Administration have benefitted from developmental project or another except Area N, command in Ijede. We humbly propose the underlisted solution to tackle this security issue:

- i. Perimeter fencing of Luwasa Junior and Senior Secondary Schools and all Schools within the LCDA where cultist members are known to be initiated.
- ii. The immediate construction of a befitting structure for Area 'N' Police Command, Ijede, should be given priority to enhance provision of security in the entire Ikorodu Division.
- iii. Deployment of Day and Night Security guards to man all the schools.
- iv. In view of the popular saying that "an idle mind is the devil's workshop" we submit that affording the Youths the opportunity of gainful employment will make them to focus their mind on productive engagements. Thus, we implore the Federal & State Government to prevail on the Egbin Power Plc and others to employ the youths of the Ijede Local Council Development Area (being the host community) in their Organizations.



- v. Facilitation of the deployment of Marine Police to man the waterways for security purpose.
  - vi. Equipping the officials of the Nigeria Legion with vehicles for increased performance.
- c. Position of Ijede LCDA on Water Transportation Jetty: Early commencement of the approved Jetty Project for Ijede LCDA linking Ijede with Oke-Ira, Ajah, and Falomo to ease transportation of people and to reduce traffic congestion on the road.
- d. Position of Ijede LCDA on Fire Station: The Fire Service station and Training School at Ijede LCDA has been approved, awaiting the commencement of the project in order to provide immediate attention to fire disasters within the community and its environs. It has been in the pipeline for over five years.
- e. Position of Ijede LCDA on Education and Library Services: The Educational system in Ijede LCDA is in an appalling situation judging from the standard of structures and other amenities that can facilitate teaching and learning. There are two (2) secondary schools that are without proper fencing and the Structures are dilapidated which are Luwasa Junior High School Ijede and Luwasa Senior High School Ijede, however, there are enough spaces for the constructions of Ultra-Modern School buildings with modern facilities.

There are also four (4) Public Primary schools constructed by the State Government that are without portable water and fence. They include:

- i. Anglican Primary School Ijede
  - ii. Anwar –ul- Islam Primary School Ijede
  - iii. Community Primary School Abule – Eko, Ijede
  - iv. Methodist Primary School Oke – Eletu, Ijede and Community primary school Abule-Eko, Ijede.
- f. Requests on Education and Library Services
- i. Ultra-modern School complex with adequate facilities for Luwasa Junior and Senior high schools Ijede
  - ii. Construction of new blocks of classrooms at Methodist primary school Oke – Eletu, Ijede and Anglican primary school, Ijede with Water, Toilets facilities and Perimeter fencing
  - iii. Community Primary School Abule-Eko, Ijede should be properly fenced to separate it from Luwasa Junior High School for proper security and eradication of various social vices within the school.
  - iv. All schools should be fenced and provided with adequate security (Day and Night Guards).
  - v. Employment of more non – teaching staff in all the schools.
- g. The positions of Ijede LCDA on health: Ijede, LCDA is one of the fastest growing Council in Lagos State with daily influx of large number of people. The population is increasing at a geometric proportion. As a result of this, the medical facilities in the LCDA are overstretched. The public health facilities within the LCDA are:

- i. General hospital, Ijede – State owned.



- ii. Primary Health Care, Oke-Eletu (LG), Ijede
- iii. Primary Health Care, Ijede
- iv. Primary health Care, Abule-Eko, Ijede

It is instructive to state that only the General Hospital, Ijede and the flagship PHC at Oke - Eletu undertake 24 hours' services. Sir, this is largely inadequate for a densely populated area like Ijede LCDA. Solution We humbly proffer the underlisted solutions to the challenges:

- i. Expansion of the General Hospital Ijede to accommodate more patient (both in and out patients)
- ii. Construction of additional Primary Health Care (PHC) at Ogunro and Igbopa. Ogunro family donated a parcel of land and has been fenced by the LCDA. Igbopa community has also donated two plots of land. The creation of the said additional PHC in the Ijede LCDA is in conformity with the State Government policy of having at least one PHC in each ward in the State.

h. Position of Ijede LCDA on environment: as a result of the Population explosion in Ijede LCDA, the consequential waste generation in the community is not unexpected. Due to inadequate PSP operators within the LCDA, this has resulted to gross indiscriminate dumping of refuse and related wastes in the nooks and crannies of the LCDA.

way forward: We propose the underlisted as the way forward:

- i. Deployment of more PSP operators to the LCDA.
- ii. Provision of Compactor for waste management
- iii. Deployment of additional Street Sweepers to the LCDA to keep the environment clean.

i. The position of Ijede L.C.D.A on Tourism Development: Ijede L.C.D.A is located along the lagoon with a lot of Potentials to tap for tourism and Development with regards to its age long art and culture. That if it is properly managed, can boost the internally generated revenue of the L.C.D.A. Odoro Water spring can serve as an attraction to tourists and Create employment opportunities for the domiciled community with improvement in the internally generated revenue of Ijede L.C.D.A.

- i. The need to properly situate the Gazetted Odoro Water Spring, Ijede for enhanced tourism and a boost to the IGR of the LCDA and the State
- ii. Refurbishing of Alajede Sport Centre, Ijede
- iii. Creation of Parks and lagoon Front Resort to attract Tourism
- iv. Creation of Youth Recreation Centres.
- v. Construction of A modern-day ALAJEDE PALACE should be priotised.

We implore for improved State Government involvement and participation in the Agbo Remireke Cultural Activities for improved tourism and enhanced revenue generation.

J. Sport Development: Sport development should be encouraged among our dynamic and vibrant Youth as a form of empowerment via construction of Sport



facilities and Youth Centre to curb the issues of cultism leading to breakdown of law and order.

Mr. Temitope Sanya replied Disu-Shoyiga that his request has been noted and the Ministry will attend to it.

5.2.4 A participant with Username [kfkprime@yahoo.com](mailto:kfkprime@yahoo.com) commented that the Construction of Fire Service Station Ijede that had been approved in previous Years Budget is yet to commence till now.

Mr. Ibrahim Amodu responded to [kfkprime@yahoo.com](mailto:kfkprime@yahoo.com) that the observation and request has been noted and will be forwarded to the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure to attend to it.

5.2.5 Oluwaseun Odusanya suggested that on the health sector, special provision should be made for the care of destitute and the less privileged.

He also mentioned that Ijede-itamaga road construction phase 1 is on-going, but he will like that Gberigbe road construction/ rehabilitation under ikorodu local government should be considered in the 2021 budget

Eniola Awosika thanked Oluwaseun Odusanya for the suggestions and replied that it will be sent to appropriate Agencies.

5.2.6 Owolawi Snr stated that the need to carry along other parts of Ikorodu Division along is germane, he thanked the government for hearkening to the needs as per Ijede Itamaga Road which is ongoing but surprisingly not captured in this forum.

He commented that the best General Hospital in Lagos State 2019 is Ijede General Hospital and thank Dr. Mrs. Sanwo-Olu for being there on January 1st 2020 and look forward to the General Hospital being upgraded as its peers across the State. Igbega Ipinle Eko, Ajumose ni o!

He also said what Ijede General Hospital needs is aerial expansion so as to accommodated more clinics for the benefit of our people and others across adjoining LCDAs patronizing the place. In all, he appreciated the Governor of example for his love for the LCDA. More wins' sir

He further said in 2017, the erstwhile Governor approved a Fire Station cum Training school for the LCDA due to the proximity to Egbin Power which is the biggest in sub Saharan Africa generating 13.2GW. The closest Fire Station is at Odonguyan Ikorodu over 20km away and appeals for re inclusion of the Station/Training School in next budget for implementation.

Mr. Temitope Sanya responded to Owolawi that his observation and request has been noted and will be forwarded to the relevant Agency.

5.2.7 Adewale Ajala observed that there was NOT a single project mentioned as on-going in Ijede. Even the observed Road maintenance on-going throughout Ikorodu Division was NOT included.

He also noted that the Police Area "N" Command established since the Fashola administration is yet to attract any visible project. This is urgently required to confront the Serious Security issues in Ikorodu Division.



Note that virtually ALL Police Area command established same time as area N Ijede have benefited from one project or another.

Olumide Ajao responded to Adewale Ajala that his message has been sent to the appropriate Agency.

5.2.8 Jubril Abdulsalam pointed out that some of the project mentioned last year to be done in Ijede has not even been mentioned.

There has not been any new building to uplift the face of Luwasa high school in IJEDE which is the only Secondary school in Ijede LCDA

Temitope Sanya responded to Jubril that his message has been sent to the appropriate Agency.

5.2.9 Joko Dawodu Omotola appealed on education for children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) to the Commissioner to rebuild the sunk and demolished Special School in mile 12. The children were taken to Birrel st in yaba when this school was demolished. Most of the children are at home because their parents can't afford the transport fare from Ikorodu/Ketu axis where they reside to Yaba. She then pleaded that Government should not leave the children behind and have sympathy on the children with cerebral palsy that are on the wheel.

She also mentioned that there are children with IDD that have holes in their hearts and they require urgent attention. Meanwhile, the cost of surgery to operate these IDD Children with holes in their hearts is enormous and beyond the reach of their parents.

Temitope Sanya responded to Joko Dawodu that the request is noted and will be forwarded to the appropriate Agency for further action.

5.2.10 Mustapha Oshoala suggested that there should be a project where all residents in the division will be effectively identified and registered on a database. This information should be shared with the law enforcement agents as this will aid them in combating and reducing crime.

He also mentioned that there is large collection of drains in Itunmaja (koto olorunwa) which has been constituting a very great threat to the local houses and residents.

Mr Olumide Ajao thanked Mustapha for the notice and commented that the message has been sent to the appropriate Agency.

5.2.11 Vickie Uremma Onyekuru suggested on the following areas:

a. Health: The Lagos State Government should increase the Y2021 health budget to 15% of the State budget to increase health coverage for Lagosians post-COVID-19 Family Planning consumables budget line of N50m in the PHCB budget should be increased to N100m in the Y2021 Budget due to the huge increasing population coverage. Allocate 1% of the Consolidated Revenue Funds (CRF) as Equity Funds in compliance with the Lagos State Health Scheme Law. Publish





health sector detailed annual budget monitor online to ensure ease of access to the Health budget

- Release approved Nutrition budget.
- Increase allocation for nutrition in the 2021 budget proposal by 30%.
- Lagos State Accountant General to release at least 50% of approved Nutrition Funds for all focal MDAs for 2021

b. Education: Create a budget line for inclusive education for the 13 secondary schools and 31 primary schools for PWDs in Lagos State. This will cover cost for essential learning aids, electricity/generators and renovation of the schools' infrastructure to ensure accessibility. Make budgetary provision for the establishment of 12 model inclusive schools (i.e. 2 in each Educational District) out of the existing 44 inclusive schools in accordance with Lagos State Inclusive policy. Establish one model inclusive secondary school in the Lagos Island/Eti-Osa/Ibeju Lekki axis to stop the drop out being currently experienced by pupils with disability in those LGAs.

c. Disability Issues: Reactivate the Disability Empowerment Fund to a minimum of N500m as was provided in the previous budgets. This budgetary provision was included towards the actualization of the implementation of the Lagos State Special People Law. This fund will support the Early Intervention Centre (for early diagnosis of children with Disability); Disability Support and Resource Centre at 5 LDAs in the first instance.

d. Transport: Under the \*THEMES pillars: Traffic and Transportation\*-there should be specific Budget allocation to complete the abandoned Blue Line MetrolineProject. •The longer it stays the more expensive it becomes due to the falling Naira. •Similarly the Badagry Expressway work must be given priority due to its critical nature to the economy.

e. Environment: The Y2021 environment budget benchmark should be increased in the State Budget to address issues on climate change as promised by His Excellency during his campaign. Publish environmental sector detailed annual budget monitor online to ensure ease of access. Lagos State Ministry of the Environment to ensure over 80% of annual environmental sector budgeted funds are released on time to improve environmental outcomes in Lagos State.

Temitope Sanya responded to Vickie that the recommendation is noted and the Ministry will attend to it.

5.2.12. Akinkunmi suggested that Bayeku Road, Agunfoye road and Igbogbo road needs urgent attention. There is lack of drainage facilities in these areas. The Areas are exposed to heavy rains havoc and he pleaded that the government should do something about it quickly.

Olumide Ajao replied Akinkunmi that the message has been sent to the appropriate Agency.

5.2.13. Alhaji Shamsideen Alimi represented Offin-Ile in Igbogbo/Bayeku LCDA said they lodged a complaint in the previous year forum about Offin-Igbogbo road. Till now, nothing has been done about it. H said the road is so terrible that they find it difficult to use their vehicles when rain starts. 2. Secondary School education in Offin-Ile: The community school was established in 2014 and till now does not have a senior secondary phase. All the children who finish their JSS3 class are being transferred outside Offin-Ile, which





is not very palatable. They need an urgent intervention from the Lagos State Government.. Itesiwaju Eko, Ajumose ni o.

Mr Olumide Ajao replied Alhaji that his message has been sent to the appropriate Agency.

5.2.14. Ogunmeru Saidi Adeyinka stated that Bayeku, Agufoye, Morekete igbogbo roads need urgent attention due to lack of drainage.

5.2.15. Tony Okonkwo commented Erunwen Road needs very urgent attention as it is highly populated now.

Mr, Temitope Sanya replied Tony that his message has been noted and thanked him.

5.2.16. Josephine Omolola pleaded that she want government to include free health care service for persons with disabilities in accordance with Lagos State Special People's Law.

Temitope Sanya responded to Josephine that her request has been noted and the ministry will attend to it.

5.2.17. Salisu Fatiu appealed to the Lagos State Government to please attend to all comments and positions of Ijede LCDA and be incorporated into the Y2021 Budget of the State. Ijede LCDA's position has been codified into a single document and sent to the designated e-mail address.

Mr Olumide Ajao responded to Salisu Fatiu that the request has been noted and the Ministry will attend to it.

5.2.18. Taiwo Famakinwa appealed to the Honorable Commissioner to attend to High School-Apeka Estate Road. Along Shagamu road.

Eniola Awosika responded Taiwo Famakinwa that the recommendation is noted and the Ministry will attend to it.

5.2.19. Akinola Christiana appealed to the Lagos State Government to make E-learning more accessible and comprehensive for the students affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Temitope Sanya responded to Akinola that the recommendation is noted and it will be acted upon.

## **6.0. RESPONSES**

### **6.1. The Honourable Commissioner, Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube:**

6.1.1. The Honourable Commissioner responded to the access road to Imota that two weeks before, the Governor had said that there was a need to find a solution for the road leading to Imota before the Rice Mill was completed and the State was studying how to continue the talk with the Federal Government to ensure that they play their part in providing an alternate solution.

6.1.2. He explained that on tax collection, most people around the world do not like it but sometimes the people forget that whatever the Government is seen



doing is out of the taxes collected, which is a collective equity in the State. It is what really gives the State the responsibility to ensure that everything is okay. He explained that taxes do not only come from people but also from their businesses, when the people and businesses prospers that increases the revenue.

6.1.3. The Honourable Commissioner responded to the suggestion of foreign trainings for artisans that sometimes foreign trainings are talked about because the Country was yet to develop its own trainings, long ago, the University of Ibadan was recorded as one of the best trainings of doctors in the world, so it was unfortunate how the Country had things but yet do not recognize it. He explained that what was meant by foreign training was actually quality training and not all trainings done are abroad were foreign. And about reaching artisans during elections but not after, he said that it was not the case that even during elections it was not easy to reach artisans and only those that were known were reached.

6.1.4 The Honourable Commissioner then handed over to the Senior Special Assistant to respond to the comments on artisans.

## **6.2 Senior Special Assistant on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Olalekan Balogun:**

6.2.1. The Senior Special Assistant explained, just like the Honourable Commissioner had done, that he believed that the request for foreign training was more specifically to be standard training which would enable artisans to compete with others, the Ministry of Wealth Creation could engage artisans and the group of the populace for trainings.

6.2.2. On access to loans, he responded that he thinks that a lot of programmes exists on that from the Ministry of wealth Creation and Employment, Ministry of Youth and Social Development and Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF). The loans existed and the public needs to be educated on how to access them, he agreed that more communication was needed. He further emphasized that LSETF and Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation had funds available to assist small businesses, artisans and market men and women.

6.2.3. He also responded on the comment that artisans were not involved beyond election that the State would do better and it would be reported to the ministry in charge, he said the president had his contact and he would give him a feedback.

## **6.3 The Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube:**

6.3.1 The Honourable Commissioner mentioned that a lot of the questions had to do with participation and citizens' participation was mutual, he said that when a group photograph is taken, the photograph being fine depends on how the individual looked in it, if everyone looked fine, it is said that the photograph is not and vice versa. He mentioned that everything was about organization, if one organizes his or herself well he/she would be more visible and that the doors were open all the time. It is hard for something to happen in the Government, that would not be advertised and there were platforms and channels through which the people could speak, and it was the State's intention to collaborate and ensure that the people are well represented.



6.3.2. The Honourable Commissioner responded that the issues of power were being evaluated by the Honourable Commissioner for Energy for solution, it was a valuable solution was being tried on the Alausa Complex, and the strategies for the Rice Mill at Imota were being evaluated as well.

#### **6.4. The Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Adebayo Sodade:**

6.4.1. The Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget responded that all the observations had been noted and the Honourable Commissioner would speak to the Governor about some of the issues and concerns. He was very sure that there would be positive response. He added that a representative from the Ministry of Works and Infrastructures was present in order to give the progress on what had been done.

#### **6.5 Engineer Olutokunbo Oyenuga, Representative Ministry of Works and Infrastructure:**

6.5.1 Engr. Oyenuga spoke about the Ikorodu road infrastructure, he informed the forum that the contractors working on Agric-Ishawo were back to site and were working on the drains using the slit form. He mentioned that there were a lot of concerns about the methodology that was adopted because they were scared there would be no drains, but with the methodology adopted a pavement would be put to a certain level before the drains are introduced using the slit form machine. The machine could deliver a line drains of minimum of 100m daily and would be moving faster because of the dried cell that was had in session.

6.5.2. He stated that the Igbogbo Bola Ahmeed Tinubu project had a similar situation with the contractors active on site, the session was up to 2kms of the road, out 7.1kms that had been built to a level, in expectation of the final finishing. He said that he was sure that the residents would confirm that it was rideable, to some extent.

6.5.3. He mentioned that the Oba Sekumade road was coming on stream and would start in earnest. What was happening was that the State wants to identify and design a proper pavement because when the road is completed a lot of trucks would be plying that route and the intention was to have a bridge pavement that would last longer and be more sustainable for a pavement that would take the heavy trucks coming on that route.

6.5.4. On Ijede Road, he mentioned that the construction was on going and the residents along the route could testify that the contractors were active on site. He added that although the Itokin Road was a federal road, the State Government was also carrying out intervention there, with some palliative works and the contractors were working on the drainage system at Paraffa and Oretta Imure, once the drains are completed the pavement would be regulated.

#### **6.6. The Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube:**

6.6.1. The Honourable Commissioner mentioned that the whole project methodology that would lead to development were very advanced and international tenders had been opened for and studies had been commissioned under which those shortlisted were going to design proposals on what the place would look like. He added that he thought it was important for a world class project that would follow a



particular method to be done and he believed that it would be achieved, he then assured the Obas that the food market project would not be aborted.

### **6.7. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic planning and Budget, Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi:**

6.7.1. The Permanent Secretary responded to the suggestion on digital skill that Lagos State Government was aware and knew ahead, as it was already an initiative and was also being introduced in secondary schools. She advised the participants to also use the internet to gain knowledge on digital skills, she added that all comments were acknowledged and would be worked on.

### **6.8. The Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube:**

6.8.1. The Honourable Commissioner also commented on digital skills that if the participants recalled his presentation it was mentioned that about a billion naira had been put aside for digital programmes, in terms of trainings in schools. He added that partnerships were going with the State Government in order to equip teachers with devices.

6.8.2. He explained that the Eko Excel Programme was a form of digital skills upgrade and the private sector also partnered with the State to equip students with intelligent devices as well. The programme would be continually held to ensure that it goes around, it was a very high investment with insurance done on the equipment. It was a very costly investment with the right kind of insurance behind it and on it.

**6.9** Some of the questions from the virtual participants were read out during the forum by Mr. Obafemi, Craig, who anchored the forum. The questions/suggestions were answered as follows:

### **6.9.1. The Honourable Commissioner, Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube**

He pointed out that lot of the questions had to do with the State's plan for roads, he said he wanted the participants to understand that when the Medium Term Sector Strategy(MTSS) is done, the State plans for two years apart and a list of all the things it intends to do in that period done, then it is costed and prioritized. In terms of execution, the State prioritizes all old projects then the new projects, so typically,there is a roll over from year to year and as the State executes the road Plan and it is understandable that not all the roads that needs to be done in Lagos would be done in the first year or second year. He added that the State would continue to push envelope and would continue to make progress in terms of the expansion of road programmes, which was why the State was trying to get the PPP structure to kick in, so more could be done with less from the budget.

He then handed over, again, to the representative from the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure.

### **6.9.2. Engineer Olutokunbo Oyenuga, Representative Ministry of Works and Infrastructure**



Engr. Oyenuga explained that the structure in place was to build the road from its existing network and then expand inwards, for instance, the Ishawo road, by the time it was finished, the State could now take the offshoot that were strategic. The Igbogbo to Ijede would be a thoroughfare for traffic redistributed, once that was in place then the roads address that had been mentioned by the virtual participants could be given attention. He explained that was a structural programme and the implementation would be driven by availability of funds and there was also the need to consider convenience, if the whole division was turned to a construction site, it would also breed another challenge, but once LASG moved in that structured form on a continuous basis, as the Governor had said it would, then it would go round.

## **7.0. VOTE OF THANKS BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MRS. ADETUTU LIADI**

7.1. She started by appreciating the Honourable Commissioner, Mr. Sam Egube, for his presentation and efforts; the Special Adviser to the Governor, Mr. Adebayo Sodade for his support; the Senior Special Assistant on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Olalekan Balogun; other top Government functionaries in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Directors, Heads of Unit, the members of staff and all participants who joined the forum both physically and virtually.

7.2. She formally expressed gratitude to all the guests, who, at great cost and sacrifice made time to honour the State's invitation to the Y2021 Consultative Forum organised by the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, to foster transparency and accountability in the preparation process of the State's Y2021 Budget.

7.3. The Permanent Secretary, stated that over the years, the people's contributions had been of immense benefit and value to the state Government especially in charting the way forward in the State's economic developmental projections.

7.4. She further emphasized that the State was hopeful that the outcomes of the deliberations of the Ikorodu Division would impact positively on the budget preparation which was intended to ensure that the desired interests of the people were not only captured but implemented in order of priority.

7.5. She used the opportunity to enjoin everyone to continue to fulfil their civic responsibilities of paying their taxes as and when due, so that the State Government could continue to implement and carry out more development projects and programmes in all divisions within the State.

7.6. She concluded by thanking everyone, once again, on behalf of the Honourable Commissioner, Special Adviser, Senior Special Assistant and the entire staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget and mentioned that the State looking forward to receiving the people again, in the years to come and wished everyone journey mercies to their various destinations.

**8.0** The meeting ended at 12:56pm.



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**Organization:** Lagos State Civil Society Partnership (LACSOP)

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**Name:** Obajomo Ibrahim Amodu

**Organisation:** Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget

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# IKORODU DIVISION

7<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST, 2020





**MINUTES OF Y2021 BUDGET CONSULTATIVE FORUM (IKORODU DIVISION) HELD ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST 2020 AT THE ADEYEMI BERO AUDITORIUM, LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, ALAUSA, IKEJA**

**1.0. ATTENDANCE**

**1.1. Lagos State Government**

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| 1. Mr. Sam Egube             | -Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget                                |
| 2. Mr. Adebayo Sodade        | -Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget   |
| 3. Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi | -Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget                           |
| 4. Arc. Gbolahan Oki         | -Chief Resilience Officer, Lagos State Resilience Office                                 |
| 5. Dr. Folayinka Dania       | -Deputy Chief Resilience Officer, Lagos State Resilience Office                          |
| 6. Mr. Olalekan Balogun      | -Senior Special Assistant on Economic Planning and Budget                                |
| 9. Mr. Ibrahim Obajomo       | -Director, Budget Department (Ministry of - Economic Planning and Budget)                |
| 10. Mrs. Simisola Otuyalo    | -Director, Economic Planning Department (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget)       |
| 11. Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope       | -Director, Lagos Bureau of Statistics (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget)         |
| 12. Mr. Pekun Sobodu         | -Director, Development Partnership Department (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget) |
| 13. Engr. Olutokunbo Oyenuga | -Representative, Ministry of Works and Infrastructure                                    |

**1.2. Traditional Rulers**

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| 13. Oba Semiu Orimadegun Kasali | -The Adeboruwa of Igbogbo |
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14. Oba Mudashiru Ajibade Bakare-Agoro -The Ranodu of Imota  
15. Chief Tajudeen A. Onasanya -The Odofin of Igbogbo  
16. Chief Alliu Musediq - The Regent/ Olisa of Ijede

### **1.3. Physical Participants**

**(Please find list of physical participants attached)**

### **1.4. Virtual Participants**

**(Please find list of registered participants attached)**

## **2.0. COMMENCEMENT**

2.1. The meeting commenced at 10:00am. Mr. Obafemi Craig, who anchored the forum, asked all to rise and recite the first stanza of the National Anthem. He welcomed everyone present, both physically and virtually and then asked the physically present participants to introduce themselves.

## **3.0. WELCOME ADDRESS BY SPECIAL ADVISER ON ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MR ADEBAYO SODADE**

3.1. The Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Adebayo Sodade acknowledged the presence of the Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube; the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi, Royal Highnesses: Alayeluwa Oba Mudashiru Ajibade Bakare-Agoro, the Ranodu of Imota; Alayeluwa Oba Semiu Orimadegun Kasali, the Adeboruwa of Igbogbo; Chief Tajudeen A. Onasanya, the Odofin of Igbogbo; the Management and staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, and all participants present.

3.2. He said it was a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the Y2021 Budget Consultative Forum organized by the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, which was the second of its kind to be organized by the Administration of Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, in line with his promise for an all-inclusive governance.

3.3. He stated that the forum would take place in the five Divisions of Lagos State: Ikeja, Badagry, Ikorodu, Lagos (Island/Mainland) and Epe, so that inputs of all stakeholders could be taken into cognizance in the State's budget preparation process. He added that the essence of adopting that approach, was to further ensure that citizens participate fully and their choices drive government decision making in planning and budgeting for critical infrastructural, economic and social development. He explained that the forum would also afford the State Government an avenue to



update stakeholders on the half year performance of the budget, the resources available for the next budget, taking into cognizance all economic variables and externalities such as the price of Crude Oil, Inflation, Interest rates, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy.

3.4. The Special Adviser pointed out that rubbing minds with the citizens, also provides the State with ample opportunity to share ideas geared towards the “Greater Lagos Project”, while ensuring that the People’s desired interests are adequately captured in the developmental agenda and that the expectation of the State Government, as regards the forum, was that the significant participation in the Budget preparation process by every individual, organization, royal fathers and bodies that were represented, would engender smoother implementation of the developmental agenda of the Government.

3.5. He mentioned that the State Government believed strongly that the success of the present Administration rests squarely, on the cooperation of all and sundry, and therefore appealed to everyone, to fulfil their civic responsibilities through regular payment of taxes, monitoring of government projects and reporting observed lapses, protection of public facilities (which belongs to everyone) and infrastructure, obeying traffic and safety rules and regulation, ensuring environmental friendliness, and above all being security conscious. He added that concerted efforts will be made on the part of the Government, not only to improve overall service delivery by Agencies of Government, but also to improve Tax Revenues by widening the tax base in order to meet citizens’ expectations.

3.6. the Special Adviser welcomed everyone present, on behalf of the Lagos State Government (LASG), the Honourable Commissioner, Permanent Secretary, Management and Staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget to the Y2021 Budget Consultative Forum and wished them a successful deliberation.

#### **4.0. PRESENTATION ON Y2020 BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR Y2021 BY HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MR. SAM EGUBE**

**(Please find copy of presentation attached)**

4.1. The Honourable Commissioner, Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube specially recognized the Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Adebayo Sodade; the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi; Royal Fathers: Alayeluwa Oba Mudashiru Ajibade Bakare-Agoro, the Ranodu of Imota; Alayeluwa Oba Semiu Orimadegun Kasali, the Adeboruwa of Igbogbo; Chief Tajudeen A. Onasanya, the Odofin of Igbogbo, Director, Budget Department, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Ibrahim Obajomo and other colleagues from various Ministries and Parastatals.

4.2. He explained that idea of the Consultative Forum was to ensure that ‘Lagosians’ were involved in the budgetary process as the State flags off and



continues the budgetary process for Y2021, because Lagos belonged to everyone and the people's inputs count in determining the direction of development in Lagos State. He assured the participants that the inputs from the conversations held would be taken into account in the budget. He mentioned that a forum was also held the previous year and it was important to give the account, so that the people could move on with confidence that the meetings really matter, the inputs would be put together and synthesized through the budgetary process so that everyone would be on the same page. He added that it was said during the campaign that when Lagos speaks Sanwo-Olu listens and it was in that line that the State Government must continue to engage the citizens and not just during the Forum. Even after the Forum ends, the doors and ears of the Government were opened to be engaged and the participants should not think that whatever they forgot to say at the Forum was over for the year, there were different channels through which the Government could be reached and communicated with.

4.3. He mentioned that the State's revenue performed well at 81% with ₦432billion as against the expectation of 21% at ₦535billion despite the deep challenges in the second quarter as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, however the State continued to manage very tightly to ensure that the revenue was gotten as high as it could be gotten because it was the revenue that is used for all the projects in the various constituencies. He added that the revenue does not fall from the air it was the collection of all the taxes paid to the state, although the money looked like a lot, he explained that compared to the State's GDP the revenue was small. He then encouraged the participants to join hands with the Government by paying taxes which was a civic responsibility. He went on to say that it was difficult to claim civic rights without undertaking and considering civic responsibilities.

4.4. He further emphasized the size of the revenue by explaining that it was said that the economy of Lagos State was 5th in Africa, in terms of size which showed that there was a relationship between the size of the economy and its revenue. For instance: Ghana has 15% of their revenue in their GDP, Egypt, 15%; South Africa, 25%; Europe, 40%; Lagos State, 2%. Lagos State is almost 10 times less than it should be. It might appear that the State was collecting a lot of money, but really most people in Lagos are not paying the right taxes and many are not paying taxes at all. He added that the taxes were the people's investment in the state and it was against those investments that demands are placed on the State's infrastructure, schools, health care services and others.

4.5. The Honourable Commissioner explained that if people could not work, then people could not eat and therefore within this very difficult situation LASG was able to achieve greater revenues while managing expenditure. He added that there were indications the key drivers of the State's revenue were going to be affected severely by the pandemic and worsen over the year, a forecast of revenue drop by 24%, requiring a 21% drop in expenditure were given. It was on this basis that the budget was reversed downward because the State felt that the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) would drop by about 29%, the capital receipts by 5% and federal transfers by 30%.

4.6. He stated that there was a fall in crude oil revenue and low demand of crude oil around the world which created a very difficult scenario for global supply chain. As a result, it was clear that the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR)



would drop, creating a possible increase in the State's Fiscal deficit position and because of the reduction in foreign exchange earnings nationally, there was going to be pressure on Naira, which would increase the cost of items, drive up inflation, lower the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) position and therefore, create a panic in the investing sector. This showed a need to look into employment issues, food production and ensure that the State continues on course.

4.7. He explained that in order to face the high risk of unemployment and potential civil unrest, as a result of the pandemic, the State had to come up with strategies, which were to maintain a strong pandemic response, restart the Lagos State economy and reimagine the way the State operates. In view of that, the State decided to review the Y2020 budget from the approved amount of ₦1,168.6billion to ₦920.5 billion while the State's debt sustainability ratio remains at 14.4%. This brought down the Budget Size to ₦920,469billion, the Total Revenue to ₦812,465billion, Total Recurrent Expenditure to ₦413,407billion and Total Capital Expenditure to ₦507,062billion.

4.8. He highlighted the several interventions LASG had implemented to minimize the impact of the pandemic which includes the development of isolation centres, development of mobile and stationary testing across the LGAs, increase of hazards and other incentives to health workers, free basic healthcare to the public at general hospitals and Primary Health Centres (PHC). He added that there was also a need to provide reliefs and support businesses and Small and Medium Enterprises(SMEs) by delaying and giving extensions to tax fillings, and creation of extended moratorium period for those who took loans from the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF).

4.9. He mentioned that the State also felt the need to intervene with relief for the vulnerable population of about 400,000 households, which is about 1.2 million people but it was not only the government that did. The State found that when need arises, the spirit of Lagos State rises and that in the face of challenges, the people joined hands with the Government and supported all the initiatives.

4.10. He informed the participants that the State also did things around food security, economic intervention, public safety and wellbeing because if people who normally earned their wages every day could no longer work, their livelihood would deteriorate heavily. The State tried to focus on agriculture and to support empowerment in order to stabilize the economy and ensure that it adjusts, through the revised budget and focus on priority projects, so that job creation will continue and physical consolidation will be maintained.

4.11. He stated that the budget was revised and focused on the following areas:

i. Health: The State committed a significant amount of ₦20billion for intervention on COVID-19 issues, this amount was pushed into the Health Sector to ensure that the people and health workers are well catered for. There was the need to build a New Massey Children Hospital and the Lagos State Infectious Disease Research Centre, so that the State's capability to respond in the future would be strengthened. When the budget gap was reviewed, the State ensured that the Health budget stayed as it was.



ii. Education: Education was also significantly affected as pupils could not go to school, therefore, the need to create an Education Trust Fund. An amount of ₦3billion would be dedicated to it, as an alternative way of supporting education, with children education going online through various media platforms. An amount of ₦620million was invested in various Jobs initiative programs and ₦385million into digital skills Initiative. The budget for quality assurance remained, to ensure quality as education was going to be more remote than physical, with CAPEX and Recurrent Expenditure at ₦200million.

iii. Works and Infrastructure: One of the sectors that stimulates the economy is the construction sector, it takes a lot of employment, hence, the need to keep the sector active as other programs in the State were being eased. This includes works being done drainages which has a lot of ground works and brings about employment for a lot of people, the budget was increased to ₦1.6billion. Movement is important, which was why ₦4.8billion was being committed to the last Mile 2 initiative to encourage the Transportation Sector. The budget on infrastructure was aligned with the bond funded projects with an amount of ₦97billion.

iv. Agriculture: There were challenges around food security which proved the need to do something about agriculture in a more aggressive way, based on that. the State has committed to finish the Rice Mill which would stimulate the entire value chain, with a budget of ₦8billion, with the support of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). The State felt the need to come up with policies that brought about transparency in the market spaces in a manner that would attract investments and create a mechanism by which food reserves could be improved, so that cases of pandemics would be better handled. In order to achieve this, a reservation of ₦2billion was made and an additional ₦1billion to be invested in the Lagos State Food Production Centre.

v. People Empowerment: In order for all the investments to yield result, it is important to empower the people and invest in trainings. An amount of ₦4.8billion would be invested through LSETF for quick interventions and ₦800million to be committed to training and skill acquisition in the Entertainment and Hospitality Sector.

4.12. He explained that the State GDP growth forecast showed that there would be a decline in year 2020 to -3.75%, but there would be recline in 2021, taking it up to 3.5%, then a growth of 15% would be maintained in 2023 and, a rise in consumption: crude oil prices will gradually grow to \$60 by 2023 which would lead to a growth of 9% in the State's revenue, as driven by an increased IGR of 21%, federal transfer of 8% and capital receipts of -31%.

4.13. He highlighted the several completed and ongoing projects as:

a. The Rice Mill; The construction of the Rice Mill Site is being focused on with the support of CBN and is about 75% completed, it would produce an output of 120,000MT of rice, annually, which would make it one of the biggest Mills in this part of the world. It would help increase local rice production by 75% and stimulate production around the country, create over 300,000 job opportunities, farming activities, production activities and supply chain activities. The Rice Mill Site would have several silos, warehouses, production centres and small factories around it, that could be used.





b. Farmers' Empowerment: Under the Agricultural Youth Empowerment Scheme, programs, 15,000 women and youths would be trained and another 10,000 under Agro-processing Productivity Enhancement & Livelihood Improvement Support Project (APPEALS), would be trained towards large scale production and processing of rice, eggs, poultry and fish. Efforts will be made towards the development of aquaculture (Lagos State Aquatic Centre of Excellence) with the intention of going into fish processing and preservation.

c. COVID-19 Response: The State is focused on a strong pandemic response, it was in line that, that the Governor had been commissioning different Isolation Centres in Gbagada, Onikan, Eti-Osa to ensure that the COVID-19 outbreak was brought under control. Testing capacities have been improved and the percentage of infections have continued to remain flat and sometimes even declining, which showed progress.

d. Road Construction: The reconstruction and upgrade of: Igbogbo - Bola Ahmed Tinubu - Igbe Road, in Ikorodu, the Agric-Isawo road into a 4-lane Dual Carriageway, the Ijede Road were in progress. There were also 116 Joint Taskforce Initiative on roads maintenance in Prince Abiodun Ogunleye Road, Adeniran Ogunsanya Street, Oseni Sotonwa Close, Oba Omolaja, Ikorodu Roundabout To Sabo, Wahab Balogun Street and Oba Ranodu/Onabu Road, Imota In Ikorodu LGA were ongoing. Upon completion, the road will improve road connectivity, improve traffic flow, reduce travel time, enhance Intermodal transportation and Improve the health of residents, enhance the value of property, and change the face of Infrastructure, as could be seen with works done in Balujaye Street, Somolu LGA.

e. Public Transport Management: 60 identified gridlock points across the State were resolved in collaboration with the Traffic Taskforce Team and Recruitment of 1000 trained LASTMA officials to boost traffic control and management.

The Governor is committed to bringing about changes and the State Government will not relent in its determination to ensure that the transportation infrastructures are upgraded and strengthened. Investments are being made in the waterways, the State had acquired 6 new vessels, making the State owned vessels 14, to ease the challenges of those who use the waterways. One of the ways the State intends to improve transportation is by creating a viable multi-modal system between the rail, road and water transportation.

f. Lagos State Broadband: The pandemic inspired and accelerated the need to digitize Lagos, upon the approval of the Digitization of the Metropolitan Broadband Duct Infrastructure Technology, the House of Assembly, as partners of the objective, to approve the PPP arrangement, during the lockdown that would then create a broadband highway around the metropolitan area of Lagos State. The 3,000km unified fibre duct system would carry high-speed of broadband capability around Lagos State that would enable Government institutions, homes to connect at high speed. He added that during the lockdown, the State Government was able to approve memos and continue running Government.

g. Partnership and Strategic Relationships: The State Government is collaborating with the Federal Government, LSETF, United States African Development Foundation (USADF), Lagos State Operation Coordination Unit (LASOCU) and N-Power to come up with different initiatives and programs, all of which were





made available because the present Administration prides itself in being open and accessible. For instance, LASOCU which was established to create a single social register that would lead to the conditional and unconditional fund transfer to the poor and vulnerable segment of the State, 131,011 households had been captured which led to Lagos State being moved from No.32 in March 2020 to No. 12 in July 2020. He encouraged the people to register, participate and benefit from it.

h. Drainage and Waste Management: Lagos State had increased the budget for dredging and clearing of canals and drainages and encouraged the people to stop disposing waste into drains because it causes a lot of problem.

i. Construction of Classrooms: the State had invested in lots of Schools, with a target to rehabilitate and reconstruct over 300 schools. Construction of 12 classroom blocks had been done at Itun-Agan Community Grammar School, Amuwo Odofin and Muslim Junior College, Egbe.

j. Eko Excel Programme: There is also a need to train teachers which was why the Eko Excel Programme was launched. It is a very exciting programme that would ensure the standardization of teaching methods and would help administer and track teaching practices, and guides to make teaching easier. With these tools students would not be able to sign for other students in their absence as the equipment used will synchronize with a central system that registers the student's presence. It would also monitor what teachers are expected to teach and is teaching. The teachers of Lagos are excited about the programme, the Commissioner for Education is excited and there are hopes that the people would be too and recruitment is ongoing to employ more teachers.

k. Commissioning of Police Command: The importance of security was what led to the construction of a Police Command in Elemoro, which had been commissioned, if security fails, everything fails.

4.14. He concluded that in view of the challenges the State Revenue was facing, as a result of the pandemic, LASG is committed to growing the State's IGR to be able to sustain its developmental programmes/projects and he added that feedbacks were welcomed on what was happening in their areas, so the State could know where they might be experiencing difficulties.

## **5.0. QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS**

### **5.1. Physical Participants**

5.1.1. President of Lagos State Council of Tradesmen and Artisans (LASCOTA): pleaded with Lagos State Government to make provision for foreign training for the Artisan members in the State, so that they would be able to improve on their skills. He added that artisans should be granted easier access to loans with lesser conditions and interest rates so as not to make it difficult for them to pay it back.

He Further requested that the State Government should involve LASCOTA in the State projects and explained to the Honourable Commissioner that the Council had 20000 departments already with the Lagos State Government and promised



that before the end of the year about 10,000 artisans would be dedicated to Lagos State Government, so that artisans would not be coming from other States to take the jobs of the State's tax paying artisans.

He however expressed his displeasures on how artisans were being used during elections but when it was time for festivities they were not involved.

5.1.2. Prince Adeniran ogunbanwo, CDC chairman for Ikorodu North, thanked the Government on what was being done in Ikorodu division and suggested that when projects are being done in the administrative divisions, Ikorodu should get more, as Ikorodu had more CDAs.

He thanked the Honourable Commissioner for the funds for the strategic roads: Ishawo Road, Igbogbo Road and Ijede Road and suggested that the State considers access road to Imota, Sagamu and Itokin Road, so as to support the infrastructures being done in that area.

He mentioned that Ikorodu had different Local Governments: Ikorodu North, Ikorodu West, Igbogbo/Bayeku, Ijede and Imota and all their request had been compiled and would be presented to the Honourable Commissioner for attention

5.1.3. Ahmed Bola Tijani, Nigeria Computer Society (Lagos Chapter) suggested that more attention should be given to digital literacy in the Public Sector and Lagos State in general. He mentioned that the National Information Technology Development Agency, Federal Agency was looking at training Nigerians on digital literacy and suggested that the State Government should be a part , as well as the Local Government.

5.1.4. Adeshiyan Muda, Lagos State Butchers Association wants the Government to help the Association to convey cows through trains from the North rather than lorries because of disturbances from Boko Haram and Fulani Herdsmen on the road, which made things costly.

5.1.5. Mr Abdullah Hammed Obafemi suggested the construction of fly over bridges at some critical area like Owode and ikorodu General Roundabout.

He suggested the construction of general health centres in Igbogbo/Bayeku to cater for its large community.

He also suggested the provision of water transportations in Oreta, Ofin, Bayeku, Ebute and Ijede which could enhance the State's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR).

5.1.6. Chief Tajudeen A. Onasanya, the Odofin of Igbogbo: commented that in the area of tax collection, the tax net was not well spread in a way that revenue could come into the State and said it could be as result of the traditional institutions not being continually used beyond the Obas advising the Government or crisis settlement. Also the people do not understand why they were supposed to pay the Land Use Charge.

He also commented about the bad condition of the road leading to the the Rice Mill at Imota, and how it was only the people of Igbogbo who could access the road and as a result people could not appreciate the operation that was going on there.

5.1.7. Oba Mudashiru Ajibade Bakare-Agoro, the Ranodu of Imota mentioned that there were two major projects under Construction in Imota but he had only



heard the Rice Mill at Imota being mentioned. The kabiyesi explained that he had written to the Governor last December about provision for a dedicated line for the operations at Imota rather than the suggestion to use Independent Power Plants (IPP) but they were yet to respond and so he would drop a copy that had been written to the Honourable Commissioner.

He also said there had been a budget for the Lagos State food stuff market for over 3 years now but there was yet to be progress and recently he heard a ministerial committee which were working on relocating the market to a waterlogged area, which he was not excited about. The Government had promised there would be no abandoned projects but yet billions were being spent on projects; roads and other infrastructures but there were still no obvious changes.

He also mentioned that there was no VIP Chalet in Ibeshe and Ikorodu division was the only division without one.

He suggested that the roads from Imota to Ogun State should be looked into because of the Rice Mill, in order for it not to become like the situation at Apapa Port. He was glad that construction of the link roads from Ikorodu to Igbogbo to Ijede were ongoing, which would reduce the pressure on the main road from Ikorodu to Itokin.

Oba mudahiru then presented the document to the Honourable Commissioner.

5.1.8. Oba Semiu Orimadegun Kasali, the Adeboluwa of Igbogbo mentioned that there were industries established previously by the former administration in the State and it was understood that some of these industries may have been leased or sold out while some were still functioning. In Igbogbo the former NEPA building had been there with nothing done to the piece of land, he mentioned that the Government should talk to those who had taken over the infrastructures to use them so the State could benefit from them. He also talked about Nichemtex Industry which was one of the biggest textile industries in Nigeria, occupying a wide expanse of land, which he had seen the Honourable Commissioner, Commerce Industry and Cooperatives about. He asked for the assistance of the Government so that all those industries could be more optimized, used to provide employment and generate revenue for the State.

## **5.2. Virtual Participants**

5.2.1. Olufemi Saibu commented that there was need to bring Lagos State Residents' Registration Agency (LASRRA) point closer to people and in most cases the LGA were inaccessible in terms of cost and convenience. He suggested that partnership with banks should be looked at, as most people visit banks regularly, the waiting time could be used for registration.

Mr. Temitope Sanya) responded that his suggestion was noted and would be sent to the appropriate agency for further action.

5.2.2. Seyi Sanjo-Bankole suggested that consideration be given to special education to cover the training of special education teachers, modern and up to date specialized learning materials, the use of the Individualized Education Plan and provision for a less restrictive learning environments, for students with special needs. He added that investment in standardized training of people with special needs would add value to the



economic development of the State and bring about a viable workforce better equipped with skill sets that could positively drive the economy.

Mr. Olumide Ajao (Assistant Chief Planning Office) responded that his request had been noted and would be attended to.

5.2.3. Disu-Shoyiga Abiodun pointed out to the Hon. Commissioner that the on-going Ijede Itamaga road was not captured as part of the ongoing project and he should please clarify on that.

He also highlighted what should be done in Ijede LCDA on behalf of the Executive Chairman Ijede Local Council Development Area Salisu Fatiu Jimoh as follows:

a. Position of Ijede LCDA on Road Infrastructure, Transport and Traffic Management Roads: These roads are in a deplorable state and need urgent attention. These roads are accessible but are in bad condition, the roads lead to Egbin Power Station and about 42(forty-two) different neighbourhood towns and communities. The roads include:

- viii. Ijede Road, Ginti to Ijede (commencement of Phase II that will terminate at Ijede Round-About, Oke-Oyinbo, Ijede).
- ix. Ilupeju Ring Road leading to Anwar-ul-Islam Pry. School which has been abandoned since 2007 should be completed.
- x. Abule-Eko through Gbopa, Gbodo to Ewu Owa
- xi. Pacific to Igbe Oloja through Agunfoye leading to Igbogbo Baiyeku.
- xii. Ayegbami to Abule Eko leading to Imota.
- xiii. IGBE Laara to Ginti.
- xiv. Construction of Palm Avenue, Oke-Eletu Ijede road linking Igbopa, Igbodo, Ewu-Owa Villages, Ijede

b. Position of Ijede LCDA on Security: A major security issue in Ijede Local Council Development Area is the menace of cultists (in spite of various measures by the LCDA to curb their activities) who after perpetrating their nefarious activities escape through the waterways. It is also observed that virtually all Police Area Commands established during the Fashola Administration have benefitted from developmental project or another except Area N, command in Ijede. We humbly propose the underlisted solution to tackle this security issue:

- vii. Perimeter fencing of Luwasa Junior and Senior Secondary Schools and all Schools within the LCDA where cultist members are known to be initiated.
- viii. The immediate construction of a befitting structure for Area 'N' Police Command, Ijede, should be given priority to enhance provision of security in the entire Ikorodu Division.
- ix. Deployment of Day and Night Security guards to man all the schools.
- x. In view of the popular saying that "an idle mind is the devil's workshop" we submit that affording the Youths the opportunity of gainful employment will make them to focus their mind on productive engagements. Thus, we implore the Federal & State Government to prevail on the Egbin Power Plc and others to employ the youths of the Ijede Local Council Development Area (being the host community) in their Organizations.

- xi. Facilitation of the deployment of Marine Police to man the waterways for security purpose.
  - xii. Equipping the officials of the Nigeria Legion with vehicles for increased performance.
- c. Position of Ijede LCDA on Water Transportation Jetty: Early commencement of the approved Jetty Project for Ijede LCDA linking Ijede with Oke-Ira, Ajah, and Falomo to ease transportation of people and to reduce traffic congestion on the road.
- d. Position of Ijede LCDA on Fire Station: The Fire Service station and Training School at Ijede LCDA has been approved, awaiting the commencement of the project in order to provide immediate attention to fire disasters within the community and its environs. It has been in the pipeline for over five years.
- e. Position of Ijede LCDA on Education and Library Services: The Educational system in Ijede LCDA is in an appalling situation judging from the standard of structures and other amenities that can facilitate teaching and learning. There are two (2) secondary schools that are without proper fencing and the Structures are dilapidated which are Luwasa Junior High School Ijede and Luwasa Senior High School Ijede, however, there are enough spaces for the constructions of Ultra-Modern School buildings with modern facilities.

There are also four (4) Public Primary schools constructed by the State Government that are without portable water and fence. They include:

- v. Anglican Primary School Ijede
  - vi. Anwar –ul- Islam Primary School Ijede
  - vii. Community Primary School Abule – Eko, Ijede
  - viii. Methodist Primary School Oke – Eletu, Ijede and Community primary school Abule-Eko, Ijede.
- f. Requests on Education and Library Services
- vi. Ultra-modern School complex with adequate facilities for Luwasa Junior and Senior high schools Ijede
  - vii. Construction of new blocks of classrooms at Methodist primary school Oke – Eletu, Ijede and Anglican primary school, Ijede with Water, Toilets facilities and Perimeter fencing
  - viii. Community Primary School Abule-Eko, Ijede should be properly fenced to separate it from Luwasa Junior High School for proper security and eradication of various social vices within the school.
  - ix. All schools should be fenced and provided with adequate security (Day and Night Guards).
  - x. Employment of more non – teaching staff in all the schools.
- g. The positions of Ijede LCDA on health: Ijede, LCDA is one of the fastest growing Council in Lagos State with daily influx of large number of people. The population is increasing at a geometric proportion. As a result of this, the medical facilities in the LCDA are overstretched. The public health facilities within the LCDA are:

- v. General hospital, Ijede – State owned.



- vi. Primary Health Care, Oke-Eletu (LG), Ijede
- vii. Primary Health Care, Ijede
- viii. Primary health Care, Abule-Eko, Ijede

It is instructive to state that only the General Hospital, Ijede and the flagship PHC at Oke - Eletu undertake 24 hours' services. Sir, this is largely inadequate for a densely populated area like Ijede LCDA. Solution We humbly proffer the underlisted solutions to the challenges:

- iii. Expansion of the General Hospital Ijede to accommodate more patient (both in and out patients)
- iv. Construction of additional Primary Health Care (PHC) at Ogunro and Igbopa. Ogunro family donated a parcel of land and has been fenced by the LCDA. Igbopa community has also donated two plots of land. The creation of the said additional PHC in the Ijede LCDA is in conformity with the State Government policy of having at least one PHC in each ward in the State.

h. Position of Ijede LCDA on environment: as a result of the Population explosion in Ijede LCDA, the consequential waste generation in the community is not unexpected. Due to inadequate PSP operators within the LCDA, this has resulted to gross indiscriminate dumping of refuse and related wastes in the nooks and crannies of the LCDA.

way forward: We propose the underlisted as the way forward:

- iv. Deployment of more PSP operators to the LCDA.
- v. Provision of Compactor for waste management
- vi. Deployment of additional Street Sweepers to the LCDA to keep the environment clean.

i. The position of Ijede L.C.D.A on Tourism Development: Ijede L.C.D.A is located along the lagoon with a lot of Potentials to tap for tourism and Development with regards to its age long art and culture. That if it is properly managed, can boost the internally generated revenue of the L.C.D.A. Odoro Water spring can serve as an attraction to tourists and Create employment opportunities for the domiciled community with improvement in the internally generated revenue of Ijede L.C.D.A.

- vi. The need to properly situate the Gazetted Odoro Water Spring, Ijede for enhanced tourism and a boost to the IGR of the LCDA and the State
- vii. Refurbishing of Alajede Sport Centre, Ijede
- viii. Creation of Parks and lagoon Front Resort to attract Tourism
- ix. Creation of Youth Recreation Centres.
- x. Construction of A modern-day ALAJEDE PALACE should be priotised.

We implore for improved State Government involvement and participation in the Agbo Remireke Cultural Activities for improved tourism and enhanced revenue generation.

J. Sport Development: Sport development should be encouraged among our dynamic and vibrant Youth as a form of empowerment via construction of Sport





facilities and Youth Centre to curb the issues of cultism leading to breakdown of law and order.

Mr. Temitope Sanya replied Disu-Shoyiga that his request has been noted and the Ministry will attend to it.

5.2.4 A participant with Username [kfkprime@yahoo.com](mailto:kfkprime@yahoo.com) commented that the Construction of Fire Service Station Ijede that had been approved in previous Years Budget is yet to commence till now.

Mr. Ibrahim Amodu responded to [kfkprime@yahoo.com](mailto:kfkprime@yahoo.com) that the observation and request has been noted and will be forwarded to the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure to attend to it.

5.2.5 Oluwaseun Odusanya suggested that on the health sector, special provision should be made for the care of destitute and the less privileged.

He also mentioned that Ijede-itamaga road construction phase 1 is on-going, but he will like that Gberigbe road construction/ rehabilitation under ikorodu local government should be considered in the 2021 budget

Eniola Awosika thanked Oluwaseun Odusanya for the suggestions and replied that it will be sent to appropriate Agencies.

5.2.6 Owolawi Snr stated that the need to carry along other parts of Ikorodu Division along is germane, he thanked the government for hearkening to the needs as per Ijede Itamaga Road which is ongoing but surprisingly not captured in this forum.

He commented that the best General Hospital in Lagos State 2019 is Ijede General Hospital and thank Dr. Mrs. Sanwo-Olu for being there on January 1st 2020 and look forward to the General Hospital being upgraded as its peers across the State. Igbega Ipinle Eko, Ajumose ni o!

He also said what Ijede General Hospital needs is aerial expansion so as to accommodated more clinics for the benefit of our people and others across adjoining LCDAs patronizing the place. In all, he appreciated the Governor of example for his love for the LCDA. More wins' sir

He further said in 2017, the erstwhile Governor approved a Fire Station cum Training school for the LCDA due to the proximity to Egbin Power which is the biggest in sub Saharan Africa generating 13.2GW. The closest Fire Station is at Odonguyan Ikorodu over 20km away and appeals for re inclusion of the Station/Training School in next budget for implementation.

Mr. Temitope Sanya responded to Owolawi that his observation and request has been noted and will be forwarded to the relevant Agency.

5.2.7 Adewale Ajala observed that there was NOT a single project mentioned as on-going in Ijede. Even the observed Road maintenance on-going throughout Ikorodu Division was NOT included.

He also noted that the Police Area "N" Command established since the Fashola administration is yet to attract any visible project. This is urgently required to confront the Serious Security issues in Ikorodu Division.





Note that virtually ALL Police Area command established same time as area N Ijede have benefited from one project or another.

Olumide Ajao responded to Adewale Ajala that his message has been sent to the appropriate Agency.

5.2.8 Jubril Abdulsalam pointed out that some of the project mentioned last year to be done in Ijede has not even been mentioned.

There has not been any new building to uplift the face of Luwasa high school in IJEDE which is the only Secondary school in Ijede LCDA

Temitope Sanya responded to Jubril that his message has been sent to the appropriate Agency.

5.2.9 Joko Dawodu Omotola appealed on education for children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) to the Commissioner to rebuild the sunk and demolished Special School in mile 12. The children were taken to Birrel st in yaba when this school was demolished. Most of the children are at home because their parents can't afford the transport fare from Ikorodu/Ketu axis where they reside to Yaba. She then pleaded that Government should not leave the children behind and have sympathy on the children with cerebral palsy that are on the wheel.

She also mentioned that there are children with IDD that have holes in their hearts and they require urgent attention. Meanwhile, the cost of surgery to operate these IDD Children with holes in their hearts is enormous and beyond the reach of their parents.

Temitope Sanya responded to Joko Dawodu that the request is noted and will be forwarded to the appropriate Agency for further action.

5.2.10 Mustapha Oshoala suggested that there should be a project where all residents in the division will be effectively identified and registered on a database. This information should be shared with the law enforcement agents as this will aid them in combating and reducing crime.

He also mentioned that there is large collection of drains in Itunmaja (koto olorunwa) which has been constituting a very great threat to the local houses and residents.

Mr Olumide Ajao thanked Mustapha for the notice and commented that the message has been sent to the appropriate Agency.

5.2.11 Vickie Uremma Onyekuru suggested on the following areas:

a. Health: The Lagos State Government should increase the Y2021 health budget to 15% of the State budget to increase health coverage for Lagosians post-COVID-19 Family Planning consumables budget line of N50m in the PHCB budget should be increased to N100m in the Y2021 Budget due to the huge increasing population coverage. Allocate 1% of the Consolidated Revenue Funds (CRF) as Equity Funds in compliance with the Lagos State Health Scheme Law. Publish



health sector detailed annual budget monitor online to ensure ease of access to the Health budget

- Release approved Nutrition budget.
- Increase allocation for nutrition in the 2021 budget proposal by 30%.
- Lagos State Accountant General to release at least 50% of approved Nutrition Funds for all focal MDAs for 2021

b. Education: Create a budget line for inclusive education for the 13 secondary schools and 31 primary schools for PWDs in Lagos State. This will cover cost for essential learning aids, electricity/generators and renovation of the schools' infrastructure to ensure accessibility. Make budgetary provision for the establishment of 12 model inclusive schools (i.e. 2 in each Educational District) out of the existing 44 inclusive schools in accordance with Lagos State Inclusive policy. Establish one model inclusive secondary school in the Lagos Island/Eti-Osa/Ibeju Lekki axis to stop the drop out being currently experienced by pupils with disability in those LGAs.

c. Disability Issues: Reactivate the Disability Empowerment Fund to a minimum of N500m as was provided in the previous budgets. This budgetary provision was included towards the actualization of the implementation of the Lagos State Special People Law. This fund will support the Early Intervention Centre (for early diagnosis of children with Disability); Disability Support and Resource Centre at 5 LDAs in the first instance.

d. Transport: Under the \*THEMES pillars: Traffic and Transportation\*-there should be specific Budget allocation to complete the abandoned Blue Line MetrolineProject. •The longer it stays the more expensive it becomes due to the falling Naira. •Similarly the Badagry Expressway work must be given priority due to its critical nature to the economy.

e. Environment: The Y2021 environment budget benchmark should be increased in the State Budget to address issues on climate change as promised by His Excellency during his campaign. Publish environmental sector detailed annual budget monitor online to ensure ease of access. Lagos State Ministry of the Environment to ensure over 80% of annual environmental sector budgeted funds are released on time to improve environmental outcomes in Lagos State.

Temitope Sanya responded to Vickie that the recommendation is noted and the Ministry will attend to it.

5.2.12. Akinkunmi suggested that Bayeku Road, Agunfoye road and Igbogbo road needs urgent attention. There is lack of drainage facilities in these areas. The Areas are exposed to heavy rains havoc and he pleaded that the government should do something about it quickly.

Olumide Ajao replied Akinkunmi that the message has been sent to the appropriate Agency.

5.2.13. Alhaji Shamsideen Alimi represented Offin-Ile in Igbogbo/Bayeku LCDA said they lodged a complaint in the previous year forum about Offin-Igbogbo road. Till now, nothing has been done about it. H said the road is so terrible that they find it difficult to use their vehicles when rain starts. 2. Secondary School education in Offin-Ile: The community school was established in 2014 and till now does not have a senior secondary phase. All the children who finish their JSS3 class are being transferred outside Offin-Ile, which



is not very palatable. They need an urgent intervention from the Lagos State Government.. Itesiwaju Eko, Ajumose ni o.

Mr Olumide Ajao replied Alhaji that his message has been sent to the appropriate Agency.

5.2.14. Ogunmeru Saidi Adeyinka stated that Bayeku, Agufoye, Morekete igbogbo roads need urgent attention due to lack of drainage.

5.2.15. Tony Okonkwo commented Erunwen Road needs very urgent attention as it is highly populated now.

Mr, Temitope Sanya replied Tony that his message has been noted and thanked him.

5.2.16. Josephine Omolola pleaded that she want government to include free health care service for persons with disabilities in accordance with Lagos State Special People's Law.

Temitope Sanya responded to Josephine that her request has been noted and the ministry will attend to it.

5.2.17. Salisu Fatiu appealed to the Lagos State Government to please attend to all comments and positions of Ijede LCDA and be incorporated into the Y2021 Budget of the State. Ijede LCDA's position has been codified into a single document and sent to the designated e-mail address.

Mr Olumide Ajao responded to Salisu Fatiu that the request has been noted and the Ministry will attend to it.

5.2.18. Taiwo Famakinwa appealed to the Honorable Commissioner to attend to High School-Apeka Estate Road. Along Shagamu road.

Eniola Awosika responded Taiwo Famakinwa that the recommendation is noted and the Ministry will attend to it.

5.2.19. Akinola Christiana appealed to the Lagos State Government to make E-learning more accessible and comprehensive for the students affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Temitope Sanya responded to Akinola that the recommendation is noted and it will be acted upon.

## **6.0. RESPONSES**

### **6.1. The Honourable Commissioner, Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube:**

6.1.1. The Honourable Commissioner responded to the access road to Imota that two weeks before, the Governor had said that there was a need to find a solution for the road leading to Imota before the Rice Mill was completed and the State was studying how to continue the talk with the Federal Government to ensure that they play their part in providing an alternate solution.

6.1.2. He explained that on tax collection, most people around the world do not like it but sometimes the people forget that whatever the Government is seen



doing is out of the taxes collected, which is a collective equity in the State. It is what really gives the State the responsibility to ensure that everything is okay. He explained that taxes do not only come from people but also from their businesses, when the people and businesses prospers that increases the revenue.

6.1.3. The Honourable Commissioner responded to the suggestion of foreign trainings for artisans that sometimes foreign trainings are talked about because the Country was yet to develop its own trainings, long ago, the University of Ibadan was recorded as one of the best trainings of doctors in the world, so it was unfortunate how the Country had things but yet do not recognize it. He explained that what was meant by foreign training was actually quality training and not all trainings done are abroad were foreign. And about reaching artisans during elections but not after, he said that it was not the case that even during elections it was not easy to reach artisans and only those that were known were reached.

6.1.4 The Honourable Commissioner then handed over to the Senior Special Assistant to respond to the comments on artisans.

## **6.2 Senior Special Assistant on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Olalekan Balogun:**

6.2.1. The Senior Special Assistant explained, just like the Honourable Commissioner had done, that he believed that the request for foreign training was more specifically to be standard training which would enable artisans to compete with others, the Ministry of Wealth Creation could engage artisans and the group of the populace for trainings.

6.2.2. On access to loans, he responded that he thinks that a lot of programmes exists on that from the Ministry of wealth Creation and Employment, Ministry of Youth and Social Development and Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF). The loans existed and the public needs to be educated on how to access them, he agreed that more communication was needed. He further emphasized that LSETF and Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation had funds available to assist small businesses, artisans and market men and women.

6.2.3. He also responded on the comment that artisans were not involved beyond election that the State would do better and it would be reported to the ministry in charge, he said the president had his contact and he would give him a feedback.

## **6.3 The Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube:**

6.3.1 The Honourable Commissioner mentioned that a lot of the questions had to do with participation and citizens' participation was mutual, he said that when a group photograph is taken, the photograph being fine depends on how the individual looked in it, if everyone looked fine, it is said that the photograph is not and vice versa. He mentioned that everything was about organization, if one organizes his or herself well he/she would be more visible and that the doors were open all the time. It is hard for something to happen in the Government, that would not be advertised and there were platforms and channels through which the people could speak, and it was the State's intention to collaborate and ensure that the people are well represented.



6.3.2. The Honourable Commissioner responded that the issues of power were being evaluated by the Honourable Commissioner for Energy for solution, it was a valuable solution was being tried on the Alausa Complex, and the strategies for the Rice Mill at Imota were being evaluated as well.

#### **6.4. The Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Adebayo Sodade:**

6.4.1. The Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget responded that all the observations had been noted and the Honourable Commissioner would speak to the Governor about some of the issues and concerns. He was very sure that there would be positive response. He added that a representative from the Ministry of Works and Infrastructures was present in order to give the progress on what had been done.

#### **6.5 Engineer Olutokunbo Oyenuga, Representative Ministry of Works and Infrastructure:**

6.5.1 Engr. Oyenuga spoke about the Ikorodu road infrastructure, he informed the forum that the contractors working on Agric-Ishawo were back to site and were working on the drains using the slit form. He mentioned that there were a lot of concerns about the methodology that was adopted because they were scared there would be no drains, but with the methodology adopted a pavement would be put to a certain level before the drains are introduced using the slit form machine. The machine could deliver a line drains of minimum of 100m daily and would be moving faster because of the dried cell that was had in session.

6.5.2. He stated that the Igbogbo Bola Ahmed Tinubu project had a similar situation with the contractors active on site, the session was up to 2kms of the road, out 7.1kms that had been built to a level, in expectation of the final finishing. He said that he was sure that the residents would confirm that it was rideable, to some extent.

6.5.3. He mentioned that the Oba Sekumade road was coming on stream and would start in earnest. What was happening was that the State wants to identify and design a proper pavement because when the road is completed a lot of trucks would be plying that route and the intention was to have a bridge pavement that would last longer and be more sustainable for a pavement that would take the heavy trucks coming on that route.

6.5.4. On Ijede Road, he mentioned that the construction was on going and the residents along the route could testify that the contractors were active on site. He added that although the Itokin Road was a federal road, the State Government was also carrying out intervention there, with some palliative works and the contractors were working on the drainage system at Paraffa and Oretta Imure, once the drains are completed the pavement would be regulated.

#### **6.6. The Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube:**

6.6.1. The Honourable Commissioner mentioned that the whole project methodology that would lead to development were very advanced and international tenders had been opened for and studies had been commissioned under which those shortlisted were going to design proposals on what the place would look like. He added that he thought it was important for a world class project that would follow a



particular method to be done and he believed that it would be achieved, he then assured the Obas that the food market project would not be aborted.

### **6.7. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic planning and Budget, Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi:**

6.7.1. The Permanent Secretary responded to the suggestion on digital skill that Lagos State Government was aware and knew ahead, as it was already an initiative and was also being introduced in secondary schools. She advised the participants to also use the internet to gain knowledge on digital skills, she added that all comments were acknowledged and would be worked on.

### **6.8. The Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube:**

6.8.1. The Honourable Commissioner also commented on digital skills that if the participants recalled his presentation it was mentioned that about a billion naira had been put aside for digital programmes, in terms of trainings in schools. He added that partnerships were going with the State Government in order to equip teachers with devices.

6.8.2. He explained that the Eko Excel Programme was a form of digital skills upgrade and the private sector also partnered with the State to equip students with intelligent devices as well. The programme would be continually held to ensure that it goes around, it was a very high investment with insurance done on the equipment. It was a very costly investment with the right kind of insurance behind it and on it.

**6.9** Some of the questions from the virtual participants were read out during the forum by Mr. Obafemi, Craig, who anchored the forum. The questions/suggestions were answered as follows:

### **6.9.1. The Honourable Commissioner, Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube**

He pointed out that lot of the questions had to do with the State's plan for roads, he said he wanted the participants to understand that when the Medium Term Sector Strategy(MTSS) is done, the State plans for two years apart and a list of all the things it intends to do in that period done, then it is costed and prioritized. In terms of execution, the State prioritizes all old projects then the new projects, so typically,there is a roll over from year to year and as the State executes the road Plan and it is understandable that not all the roads that needs to be done in Lagos would be done in the first year or second year. He added that the State would continue to push envelope and would continue to make progress in terms of the expansion of road programmes, which was why the State was trying to get the PPP structure to kick in, so more could be done with less from the budget.

He then handed over, again, to the representative from the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure.

### **6.9.2. Engineer Olutokunbo Oyenuga, Representative Ministry of Works and Infrastructure**





Engr. Oyenuga explained that the structure in place was to build the road from its existing network and then expand inwards, for instance, the Ishawo road, by the time it was finished, the State could now take the offshoot that were strategic. The Igbogbo to Ijede would be a thoroughfare for traffic redistributed, once that was in place then the roads address that had been mentioned by the virtual participants could be given attention. He explained that was a structural programme and the implementation would be driven by availability of funds and there was also the need to consider convenience, if the whole division was turned to a construction site, it would also breed another challenge, but once LASG moved in that structured form on a continuous basis, as the Governor had said it would, then it would go round.

## **7.0. VOTE OF THANKS BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MRS. ADETUTU LIADI**

7.1. She started by appreciating the Honourable Commissioner, Mr. Sam Egube, for his presentation and efforts; the Special Adviser to the Governor, Mr. Adebayo Sodade for his support; the Senior Special Assistant on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Olalekan Balogun; other top Government functionaries in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Directors, Heads of Unit, the members of staff and all participants who joined the forum both physically and virtually.

7.2. She formally expressed gratitude to all the guests, who, at great cost and sacrifice made time to honour the State's invitation to the Y2021 Consultative Forum organised by the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, to foster transparency and accountability in the preparation process of the State's Y2021 Budget.

7.3. The Permanent Secretary, stated that over the years, the people's contributions had been of immense benefit and value to the state Government especially in charting the way forward in the State's economic developmental projections.

7.4. She further emphasized that the State was hopeful that the outcomes of the deliberations of the Ikorodu Division would impact positively on the budget preparation which was intended to ensure that the desired interests of the people were not only captured but implemented in order of priority.

7.5. She used the opportunity to enjoin everyone to continue to fulfil their civic responsibilities of paying their taxes as and when due, so that the State Government could continue to implement and carry out more development projects and programmes in all divisions within the State.

7.6. She concluded by thanking everyone, once again, on behalf of the Honourable Commissioner, Special Adviser, Senior Special Assistant and the entire staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget and mentioned that the State looking forward to receiving the people again, in the years to come and wished everyone journey mercies to their various destinations.

**8.0** The meeting ended at 12:56pm.





**Name:** Ayo Adebuseye

**Organization:** Lagos State Civil Society Partnership (LACSOP)

**Signature:** 

**Name:** Obajomo Ibrahim Amodu

**Organisation:** Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget

**Signature:** 

# EPE DIVISION



# 11<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST, 2020

**MINUTES OF Y2021 BUDGET CONSULTATIVE FORUM (EPE DIVISION) HELD ON  
THE 11<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST 2020 AT THE ADEYEMI BERO AUDITORIUM, LAGOS  
STATE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, ALAUSA, IKEJA**

## **1.0. ATTENDANCE**

### **1.1. Lagos State Government**

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Mr. Sam Egube             | -Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget       |
| 2. Mr. Adebayo Sodade        | -Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget                |
| 3. Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi | -Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget  |
| 4. Arc. Gbolahan Oki         | -Chief Resilience Officer, Lagos State Resilience Office        |
| 5. Dr. Folayinka Dania       | -Deputy Chief Resilience Officer, Lagos State Resilience Office |



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| 6. Mr. Olalekan Balogun   | -Senior Special Assistant on Economic Planning and Budget                                |
| 9. Mr. Ibrahim Obajomo    | -Director, Budget Department (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget)                  |
| 10. Mrs. Simisola Otuyalo | -Director, Economic Planning Department (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget)       |
| 11. Mr. Tayo Oseni-Ope    | -Director, Lagos Bureau of Statistics (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget)         |
| 12. Mr. Pekun Sobodu      | -Director, Development Partnership Department (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget) |

### **1.2. Traditional Rulers**

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| Alaiyeluwa Oba Kamorudeen Ishola Animashaun | - Oloja of Epe      |
| Alaiyeluwa Oba Babatunde Balogun            | -Elejirin of Ejirin |
| Chief Musiliu Gbadejo                       | -Odofin of Epe      |
| Chief Shamsideen Adewale Elemor             | - Odofin of Elemuro |
| Chief Akintola Muyiwa                       | -Balogun of Ejirin  |

### **1.3. Physical Participants**

**(Please find list of physical participants attached)**

### **1.4. Virtual Participants**

**(Please find list of registered participants attached)**

## **2.0. COMMENCEMENT**

2.1. The meeting commenced at 10:39am. Mr. Obafemi Craig, who anchored the forum, asked all to rise and recite the first stanza of the National Anthem. He welcomed everyone present, both physically and virtually and then asked the physically present participants to introduce themselves.



### **3.0. WELCOME ADDRESS BY SPECIAL ADVISER ON ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MR ADEBAYO SODADE**

3.1. He acknowledged the presence of the Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube; the Permanent Secretary, Ministry Economic Planning and Budget, Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi; Senior Special Assistant, Mr. Olalekan Balogun; Director, Budget Department, Mr. Ibrahim Obajomo; Traditional Rulers: Oba Kamorudeen Ishola Animashaun, the Oloja of Epe; Oba Babatunde Balogun, the Elejirin of Ejirin; Chief Musiliu Gbadejo, Odofin of Epe; Chief Shamsideen Adewale, the Odofin of Elemuro; Chief Akintola Muyiwa, the Balogun of Ejiri; Chief Akintola Muyiwa, the Balogun of Ejiri; Representatives of Local Government area and Local Council Development Area: Honourable Doyin Adesanya, Epe LGA, Honourable Ogidan Olaitan, Ibeju-Lekki LCDA; National Youth Council representative, Epe; all Directors present and the distinguished participants.

3.2. He said it was a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the Y2021 Budget Consultative Forum organized by the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, which was the second of its kind to be organized by the Administration of Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, in line with his promise for an all-inclusive governance.

3.3. He stated that the forum would take place in the five divisions of Lagos State: Ikeja, Badagry, Ikorodu, Lagos (Island/Mainland) and Epe, which was the last division for the year, so that inputs of all stakeholders could be taken into cognizance in the State's budget preparation process. He added that the essence of adopting that approach, was to further ensure that citizens participate fully and their choices drive government decision making in planning and budgeting for critical infrastructural, economic and social development.

3.4. He explained that the forum would also afford the State Government an avenue to update stakeholders on the half year performance of the budget, the resources available for the next budget, taking into cognizance all economic variables and externalities such as the price of Crude Oil, Inflation, Interest rates, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy.

3.5. He pointed out that rubbing minds with the citizens, also provides the State with ample opportunity to share ideas geared towards the "Greater Lagos Project", while ensuring that the People's desired interests are adequately captured in the developmental agenda and that the expectation of the State Government, as regards the forum, was that the significant participation in the Budget preparation process by every individual, organization, royal fathers and bodies that were represented, would engender smoother implementation of the developmental agenda of the Government.

3.6. He mentioned that the State Government believed strongly that the success of the present Administration rests squarely, on the cooperation of all and sundry, and therefore appealed to everyone, to fulfil their civic responsibilities through regular payment of taxes, monitoring of government projects and reporting observed lapses, protection of public facilities (which belongs to everyone) and infrastructure, obeying traffic and safety rules and regulation, ensuring environmental friendliness, and above all being security conscious.



3.7. He added that concerted efforts will be made on the part of the Government, not only to improve overall service delivery by Agencies of Government, but also to improve Tax Revenues by widening the tax base in order to meet citizens' expectations.

3.8. He concluded by welcoming everyone present, on behalf of the Lagos State Government (LASG), the Honourable Commissioner, Permanent Secretary, Management and Staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget to the Y2021 Budget Consultative Forum and wished them a successful deliberation.

#### **4.0. PRESENTATION ON Y2020 BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR Y2021 BY HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MR. SAM EGUBE**

**(Please find copy of presentation attached)**

The Honourable Commissioner acknowledged the presence of Traditional Rulers: Chief Musiliu Gbadejo, Odofin of Epe; Chief Shamsideen Adewale, the Odofin of Elemuro; Chief Akintola Muyiwa, the Balogun of Ejiri; Special Adviser on Economic Planning and Budget, Mr Adebayo Sodade; Permanent Secretary, Ministry Economic Planning and Budget, Mrs. Abiola Adetutu Liadi; Senior Special Assistant, Mr. Olalekan Balogun; Chief Resilience Officer, Arc. Gbolahan Oki; Director, Budget Department, Mr. Ibrahim Obajomo; other members of the body of Permanent Secretaries, Cabinet members; Representatives of Local Government area and Local Council Development Area: Honourable Doyin Adesanya, Epe LGA, Honourable Ogidan Olaitan, Ibeju-Lekki LGA.

He stated that the presentation was important because the State Government wants to ensure that the budget is not just the Government's budget, but the budget of every one and it was important that everyone was carried along and were able to participate in it. One of the foundations of the present Government is citizen participation and relationship with every arms of Government. He added that the idea was that the State belongs to all and their participation as the people must go beyond the ballot boxes, therefore, the people of Lagos must be actively engaged as the State designs the project and implements the strategy of its Government.

He stated that his presentation would take the participants through the objectives of the forum which was that LASG was about to commence another budget cycle for 2021 and to prepare the budget, it was important to get inputs from the people from the entire divisions of Lagos State, as it had been done the previous days for Ikeja, Badagry, Lagos, Ikorodu and focus for the day was Epe.

He explained that the objective of the stakeholders meeting was to update stakeholders on the Half-Year performance of the Y2020, inform the public of Government's plan for the rest of Y2020 and the focus areas of Y2021, obtain the stakeholders' contributions/suggestions on the Y2021 Budget process, which would help to ensure that the budget for the next year actually addresses some of the issues the State face.

He mentioned that the State's revenue held out very strongly against all odds, with an 81% performance as a result of some technical manoeuvring that had



been done at the beginning of the year in the State's bonds, which helped push the revenue forward, although the expenditure was not as strong because of the Lockdown. What that means is that, it was difficult for the State to spend if people could not go out but he thanked God that the lockdown was beginning to ease substantially and therefore it was expected that there would be some acceleration of project execution, going forward.

He stated that there was a fall in crude oil revenue and low demand of crude oil around the world which created a very difficult scenario for global supply chain. As result, it was clear that the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) would drop, creating a possible increase in the State's Fiscal deficit position and because of the reduction in foreign exchange earnings nationally, there was going to be pressure on Naira, which would increase the cost of items, drive up inflation, lower the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) position and therefore, create a panic in the investing sector .This showed a need to look into employment issues ,food production and ensure that the State continues on course.

He explained that in order to face the high risk of unemployment and potential civil unrest, as a result of the pandemic, the State had to come up with strategies, which were to maintain a strong pandemic response, restart the Lagos State economy and reimagine the way the it operates. In view of that, the State decided to review the Y2020 budget from the approved amount of ₦1,168.6billion to ₦920.5 billion while the State's debt sustainability ratio remains at 14.4%. This brought down the Budget Size to ₦920,469billion, the Total Revenue to ₦812,465billion, Total Recurrent Expenditure to ₦413,407billion and Total Capital Expenditure to ₦507,062billion.

He highlighted the several interventions LASG had implemented to minimize the impact of the pandemic: development of isolation centres, development of mobile and stationary testing across -the LGAs, increase of hazards and other incentives to health workers, free basic healthcare to the public at general hospitals and Primary Health Cares (PHC). He added that there was also a need to provide reliefs and support businesses and Small and Medium Enterprises(SMEs) by delaying and giving extensions to tax fillings, and creation of extended moratorium period for those who took loans from the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF).

He mentioned that the State also felt the need to intervene with relief for the vulnerable population of about 400,000 households, which is about 1.2 million people but it was not only the Government that did. The State found that when need arises, the spirit of Lagos State rises and that in the face of challenges, the people joined hands with the Government and supported all the initiatives.

He informed the participants that the State also did things around food security, economic intervention, public safety and wellbeing because if people who normally earned their wages every day could no longer work, their livelihood would deteriorate heavily. The State tried to focus on agriculture and to support empowerment in order to stabilize the economy and ensure that it adjusts, through the revised budget and focus on priority status, so that job creation will continue and physical consolidation will be maintained.

He stated that the budget was revised and focused on the following areas:



i. Health: The State committed a significant amount of ₦20billion for intervention on COVID-19 issues, this amount was pushed into the Health Sector to ensure that the people and health workers are well catered for. There was the need to build a New Massey Children Hospital and the Lagos State Infectious Disease Research Centre, so that the State's capability to respond in the future would be strengthened. When the budget gap was reviewed, the State ensured that the Health budget stayed as it was.

ii. Education: Education was also significantly affected as pupils could not go to school, therefore, the need to create an Education Trust Fund. An amount of ₦3billion would be dedicated to it, as an alternative way of supporting education, with children education going online through various media platforms. An amount of ₦620million was invested in various Jobs initiative programs and ₦385million into digital skills Initiative. The budget for quality assurance remained, to ensure quality as education was going to be more remote than physical, with CAPEX and Recurrent Expenditure at ₦200million.

iii. Works and Infrastructure: One of the sectors that stimulates the economy is the construction sector, it takes a lot of employment, hence, the need to keep the sector active as other programs in the State were being eased. This includes works being done in drainages which has a lot of ground works and brings about employment for a lot of people, the budget was increased to ₦1.6billion. Movement is important, which was why ₦4.8billion was being committed to the last Mile 2 initiative to encourage the Transportation Sector. The budget on infrastructure was aligned with the bond funded projects with an amount of ₦97billion.

iv. Agriculture: There were challenges around food security which proved the need to do something about agriculture in a more aggressive way, based on that the State has committed to finish the Rice Mill which would stimulate the entire value chain, with a budget of ₦8billion, with the support of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). The State felt the need to come up with policies that brought about transparency in the market spaces in a manner that would attract investments and create a mechanism by which food reserves could be improved, so that cases of pandemics would be better handled. In order to achieve this, a reservation of ₦2billion was made and an additional ₦1billion to be invested in the Lagos State Food Production Centre.

v. People Empowerment: In order for all the investments to yield result, it is important to empower the people and invest in trainings. An amount of ₦4.8billion would be invested through LSETF for quick interventions and ₦800million to be committed to training and skill acquisition in the Entertainment and Hospitality Sector.

He explained that the State GDP growth forecast showed that there would be a decline in year 2020 to -3.75%, but there would be recline in 2021, taking it up to 3.5%, then a growth of 15% would be maintained in 2023 and, a rise in consumption: crude oil prices will gradually grow to \$60 by 2023 which would lead to a growth of 9% in the State's revenue, as driven by an increased IGR of 21%, federal transfer of 8% and capital receipts of -31%.

He highlighted the several completed and ongoing projects as:

a. The Rice Mill; The construction of the Rice Mill Site is being focused on with the support of CBN and is about 75% completed, it would produce an output of





120,000MT of rice, annually, which would make it one of the biggest Mills in this part of the world. It would help increase local rice production by 75% and stimulate production around the country, create over 300,000 job opportunities, farming activities, production activities and supply chain activities. The Rice Mill Site would have several silos, warehouses, production centres and small factories around it, that could be used.

b. Farmers' Empowerment: Under the Agricultural Youth Empowerment Scheme, programs, 15,000 women and youths would be trained and another 10,000 under Agro-processing Productivity Enhancement & Livelihood Improvement Support Project (APPEALS), would be trained towards large scale production and processing of rice, eggs, poultry and fish. Efforts will be made towards the development of aquaculture (Lagos State Aquatic Centre of Excellence) with the intention of going into fish processing and preservation.

c. COVID-19 Response: The State is focused on a strong pandemic response, it was in line that, that the Governor had commissioned the Eti-Osa (Landmark) isolation centre in partnership with Young President's Organization (YPO) and others in Gbagada and Onikan to ensure that the COVID-19 outbreak was brought under control. Testing capacities have been improved and the percentage of infections have continued to remain flat and sometimes even declining, which showed progress.

d. Road Construction: The Honourable Commissioner showed images of the roads that were being rehabilitated/ upgraded in Epe: inner roads in Epe (Segment 2), inner Roads in epe (Segment 1), Marina – Awolowo Road was under construction, the Oke –Osho-Araga-Poka road, Otunba Adeniyi Street/Oshinowo Street, Ottin–Odomola/Mojoda Road and several palliatives projects that were on going to ensure that the roads were motorable: Oke-Ogun Junction, Eleko Junction, Ibeju Junction, Alamija Junction, Epe Bridge.

He mentioned that a lot had happened to bring the roads up to this point and a lot of discussions were going on to have a structured way of financing world class roads on that axis. The State was resolved to continue to intervene to get all the roads to par.

He encouraged the participants to pay their taxes as more of the works were primarily done by taxes, so that more of the works could be seen in the communities. He explained that development was not magic but derived from the taxes or equity the people puts in their State. The State' tax to GDP is 2% which is five times smaller in comparison to economic activities that Lagos have, Africa, 17%, Ghana, about 15% and Egypt, 17%.

e. Public Transport Management: The Governor is committed to bringing about changes and the State Government will not relent in its determination to ensure that the transportation infrastructures are upgraded and strengthened. Investments are being made in the waterways, the State had acquired 8 new vessels, making the State owned vessels 14, to ease the challenges of those who use the waterways. One of the ways the State intends to improve transportation is by creating a viable multi-modal system between the rail, road and water transportation.

f. Lagos State Broadband: The pandemic inspired and accelerated the need to digitize Lagos, upon the approval of the Digitization of the Metropolitan



Broadband Duct Infrastructure for Technology, the House of Assembly, as partners of the objective, approve the PPP arrangement during the lockdown that would then create a broadband highway around the metropolitan area of Lagos State. The 3,000km unified fibre duct system would carry high-speed of broadband capability around Lagos State that would enable Government institutions, homes to connect at high speed. He added that during the lockdown, the State Government was able to approve memos and continue running Government.

g. Partnership and Strategic Relationships: The State Government is collaborating with the Federal Government, LSETF, United States African Development Foundation (USADF), Lagos State Operation Coordination Unit (LASOCU) and N-Power to come up with different initiatives and programs, all of which were made available because the present Administration prides itself in being open and accessible. For instance, LASOCU which was established to create a single social register that would lead to the conditional and unconditional fund transfer to the poor and vulnerable segment of the State, 131,011 households had been captured which led to Lagos State being moved from No.3 in march 2020 to NO. 12 in July 2020. He encouraged the people to register, participate and benefit from it.

h. Drainage and Waste Management: Lagos State had increased the budget for dredging and clearing of canals and drainages and encouraged the people to stop disposing waste into drains because it causes a lot of problem.

i. Construction of Classrooms: the State had invested in lots of Schools, with a target to rehabilitate and reconstruct over 300 schools. Construction of 12 class room blocks had been done at Itun-Agan Community Grammar School Amuwo Odofin and Muslim Junior College, Egbe.

j. Eko Excel Programme: There is also a need to train teachers which was why the Eko Excel Programme was launched. It is a very exciting programme that would ensure the standardization of teaching methods and would help administer and track teaching practices, and guides to make teaching easier. With these tools students would not be able to sign for other students in their absence as the equipment used will synchronize with a central system that registers the student's presence. It would also monitor what the teacher is expected to teach and is teaching. The teachers of Lagos are excited about the programme, the Commissioner for Education is excited and there are hopes that the people would be too and recruitment is ongoing to employ more teachers.

k. Commissioning of Police Command: The importance of security was what led to the construction of a Police Command in Elemoro, which had been commissioned, if security fails, everything fails.

He concluded that in view of the challenges the State Revenue was facing, as a result of the pandemic, he would like to encourage 'Lagosians' to hold out as they always have and to ensure that they continue to pay taxes and contribute their quota to Lagos State. Feedbacks were welcomed on what was happening in their areas, so the state could know where they might be experiencing difficulties and above all, Lagos State would be a greater place to live in and work in, if everyone joined their hands together.



## 5.0. QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS

### 5.1. Physical Participants

5.1.1. Adeniyi Ajayi, Lagos State Council of Tradesmen and Artisan (LASCOTA), pleaded with the LASG to make the empowerment programme for the youth, that had been mentioned in the Honourable Commissioner's presentation, inclusive for People Living with Disability (PLWD) as they were experiencing layoffs from companies because of the COVID-19 outbreak. He also referred to the Honourable Commissioners' encouragement on taxes, that he should advise the politicians to be mindful of how the tax revenues were being spent.

5.1.2. Busayo Fabanwo, representative for Iyaloja General, said that she had not heard about the social register for the vulnerable until it was mentioned by the Honourable Commissioner in his presentation. She suggested that more publicity should be given to it as the people were not aware of such initiative and asked what platform would be used for registration and who was going round coordinating the vulnerable.

5.1.3. Surat Olayemi, representative, Epe LG, requested that the Governor and Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget should look into the abandoned projects like Epe Plywood Industry and the dockyard. She asked LASG to intervene in the security of the waterways in order to curb the kidnapping occurrences and the State should also use that opportunity to tap into the water resources in Epe.

She expressed concerns about the dumping of refuse in the lagoons, the road trading market in Ejirin and the deplorable state of the Post Office in Ejirin, which was the first Post Office established in Nigeria. She also mentioned that she had written a concept on Epe ancient culture and would like to partner with LASG to make use of the marine.

5.1.4. Giwa Moshood Olasupo, National Youth Council of Nigeria (Lagos Chapter), thanked the Governor for an all-inclusive government that involved the youths and expressed his excitement about the existing trainings and empowerment programmes for the youths.

He commended LASG on the Lagos Aquatic Centre of Excellence and how it would improve fish farming, cultural farming and the economic activities of Epe, when it kicked off. He also suggested that when policies are being made around the youths, the grassroots should be involved

He expressed his concerns about the need for an upgrade of the drainage system, involvement of Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA) on the roads and drainages, and abandoned projects like Marina Waterfront that should be looked into. He also said that the Aiyetoro Market was always flooded whenever it rained because of the blocked drains.

On health, he pleaded with LASG to upgrade the Akodu General Hospital and complete the cultural expansion of the Epe General Hospital, and also equip them to meet the needs of the residents of Epe.



On education, he pleaded with LASG to intervene in the educational system in Epe as the Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (SSCE) results from the previous year, were the poorest in Lagos State. He added that the schools were lacking in the area of structures, there were not enough classrooms and the teachers were inadequate.

5.1.5. Alaiyeluwa Oba Babatunde Balogun, Elejirin of Ejirin, mentioned that he had a document on the issues of market, roads and other infrastructure which he would give to the Honourable Commissioner. He mentioned that LASG needs to collaborate more with private investors, for instance, there was a proposal by an interested investor for the construction of a film village.

He referred back to the first week in July when it was extremely difficult for people to commute from Agbowo to Ketu to Epe, as the roads were very bad, the trip took several hours. These particular aspects of oke oshin to Ketu to Itokin to Ikorodu to Iba and also from Ejirin to Lagos needed to be looked into.

Oba Babatunde added that the market in Ejirin had over 1,000 stores both opened and closed that were not in use and it was the commercial market centre of Nigeria, after Lagos State and the resources of Epe should be optimized, which could enhance the revenue of the Local and State Government.

He then presented the said document to the Honourable Commissioner.

## **5.2. Virtual Participants**

5.2.1. Chibuikwe Amaechi suggested that LASG should increase the Y2021 health budget to 15% of the State budget to increase health coverage for ‘Lagosians’ post COVID-19.

He also suggested Family planning consumables budget line of ₦50million in the Primary Health Care Board (PHCB) budget should be increased to ₦100million in the Y2021 budget due to huge increasing population.

Olumide Ajao (Assistant Chief Planning Officer) responded that his request had been noted and would be attended to by the appropriate Ministry.

5.2.2. Vivian Ifeoma Emesowum gave the breakdown of LASAM’s submissions of Priority areas for inclusion in the Y2021 Health Sector budget as follows:

- i. The Lagos State Government should increase the Y2021 health budget to 15% of the State budget to increase health coverage for Lagosians post COVID-19.
- ii. Family Planning consumables budget line of ₦50m in the PHCB budget should be increased to N100m in the Y2021 Budget due to the huge increasing population coverage.
- iii. The State Government should allocate 1% of the Consolidated Revenue Funds (CRF) as Equity Funds in compliance with the Lagos State Health Scheme Law.
- iv. LSMOH should publish the detailed annual budget monitor for the health sector online, to ensure ease of access to the Health budget.

5.2.3. Stephen Adeniji pleaded with LASG to look into the reconstruction of the Itokin - Epe road, as it was a huge problem to navigate for anyone going to Epe.



He also mentioned that he wanted to draw the attention of the LASG to the deplorable conditions of the Ikorodu - Ijebu Ode Road, a long-term permanent solution should be given, as it was a major alternative road that links Epe, Ijebu-Ode, Shagamu, Ibeju-Lekki, to Ikorodu.

Temitope Sanya (Planning Officer) responded that his request was noted and would be sent to the appropriate Agency for action.

5.2.4. Olushola Kehinde Alade-Raji, COLED, commented that the major challenge of Epe was lack of electricity and that should be made a priority. He mentioned that the entire Epe Division would appreciate it, if the State Government could do the following:

- i. Dualisation of Epe/Ikorodu Road, Ibeju/Epe Road and completion of Oke-Oyinbo road.
- ii. Rehabilitation of all dead industries in Epe such as Epe Plywood, Epe Boatyard, Nigerian Breweries, Agbowo and Marina Waterfront.
- iii. Upgrading of all the Government farms in Epe.
- iv. Upgrading of General Hospitals to accommodate emergencies and provision of well-equipped medical laboratories.
- v. Restoration of Aiyetoro market, Upgrading of Oluwo market and construction of food market.
- vi. Upgrading of both primary and secondary schools, especially in terms of science laboratories; technical schools; provision of modern students' hostel in Epe Grammar School, modern dining halls in boarding schools and School of Nursing.
- vii. Collaboration with private investors in order improve the economy of Epe.
- viii. Provision of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) buses to ply Lekki/Epe and Ketu/Epe Roads
- ix. Construction of Police Security Posts at Lasu/St. Theresa Junction, Itoikin/Epe junction and Epe/Ijebu-Ode Road, so as to improve road security; provision of street lights on and traffic lights on all the new roads especially at Ita-Opo junction, Aiyetoro roundabout, Junction, Hospital Road Junction, Noforija by Araga junction.
- x. Provision of solar powered e-library and solar powered boreholes, social infrastructures and employment opportunities for the youths.
- xi. Provision of ferry services from Epe to Lagos and Epe to Ikorodu.
- xii. Provision of modern event centres and common centre for students.
- xiii. Provision of possibly banks cash centres, if there could not be branches.
- xiv. Provision of potable water.
- xv. Encouragement of interests in Agriculture as a course of study by teachers, so as to benefit from the Lagos State School of Agriculture.

He also asked if it was possible for LASG to ask every concerned stakeholder to forward their suggestions, both in soft and hard copies,



Temitope Sanya Thanked him for his recommendation which had been noted and would be forwarded to the appropriate Agencies for further action.

5.2.5. Victor Ola commented that what Epe Division needed was a short, medium, and long term goals is an intentional and aggressive drive for its potential economic development. He also commented that the 3 basic sectors should be developed, food, health care, and security through the 3 enablers which are technology, infrastructure and finance. He explained that one very important investment that would drive all the 6 things that had been mentioned was education, investment in education for the population of Epe.

He added that LASG should help Epe in the following was:

- i. Develop its fishery industry to a point that Epe could give expatriation to other countries.
- ii. Grow food crops by using its fertile land for commercial agricultural sector.
- iii. Curb the power challenge by providing electricity.
- iv. Reconstruct the road networks connecting Epe to other commercial cities.
- v. Improve Tourism, the Sungbo Eredo potentials should not be underestimated.
- vi. Provide more support to the tertiary institutions, especially driving technological innovations and digital education to bring Epe at par in a digital economy.
- vi. Provide access to clean and potable water, which could solve or prevent so many health challenges.
- vii. Create a volunteer registrar for Epe division residents, as this would increase youth employability and give them a levelled playing ground on a global stage.

He added that he believes that governance was not a joint venture between government and citizens

Tayo Oseni-Ope (Director, Lagos bureau of Statistics), responded that his requests and recommendations were well noted.

5.2.6. Omo Epe Division Movement (OMEDIM), pleaded with LASG to make sure that Epe division was not marginalized in Y2021 budget and mentioned that there were some abandoned projects at Epe General Hospital, which LASG should include in the Y2021 budget. He added that Epe division was is in great pains and there was virtually no social infrastructures to show that it is part of Lagos State.

Olumide Ajao responded that the request had been noted and would be attended to by the appropriate Ministry.

5.2.7. Oba Adewale Abdul suggested the rehabilitation of the Epe road, from Itokin to Ikorodu, although, it is a federal road but palliative measures could be





put in place and also that the security challenges around the area should be resolved.

5.2.8. Adeniyi Ogunsanya, Epe Club, introduced himself as the Chairman of the Epe Division Economic Summit Planning Committee, charged with the responsibility of organizing an Economic Summit to devise strategies for activating the economic development of the division, with particular emphasis on private sector participation. He then said that Epe Division had been a sleeping division economically as a result of the infrastructural deficits, largely roads and power.

He suggested that the development of Epe for tourism should be a priority because of the employment it will generate and the Marina development project in Epe should be reactivated as tourists' attractions, which could enhance the economy of the division and generate income for government. He mentioned that the siting of Dangote Refinery in the division would generate job opportunities that the people of the division could benefit from, in order to do that, the youths had to be trained as welders, plumbers, electrical and mechanical technicians. The Technical College in Epe could be positioned to organize a 6-month crash programme to train artisans and technicians to meet the requirements of the refinery.

He stated that one of the strategies for the development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) was the establishment of industrial parks, would enable them share facilities such as power, which would lead to the creation of critical mass for their products. The industrial parks would also provide opportunities for SMEs to access funding through establishment of cooperatives and market access. The establishment of the Park could be done through Public Private sector participation.

He added that he would also like to draw the attention of LASG to the Otta-Ikosi Water Supply Projects, commissioned by the Ambode Government in 2013, the project, which did not deserve to be commissioned then because it was not completed, had since not functioned at all. It is known that the Government was still paying the staff money to buy diesel to power the plant, to supply water to communities like Otta-Ikosi, Iganke, Agbowa, Ado, Ikosi, Ajebo, Orugbo, Imota, Odo Ayandelu and Isiu. He said that Otta-Ikosi Water Works needs completion for utilisation.

Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that his contributions were noted for further action.

5.2.9. Funmi Moriu expressed concerns about the issue of power, which was a major concern for the Epe division, the need for security guards in schools and increase in the running cost of the primary school head teachers.

5.2.10. Obafemi Adesanya gave summary of compendium of requests from Community Leaders Epe Division and commented that the Epe Division, made up of Epe Central, Eredo, Ikosi, Ketu/ Ejinrin, Ibeju and Lekki Districts was one of the 5 divisions of Lagos State with 5 of its 6 Districts situated along the coastal line of the State. He said that Epe division was the most marginalized, in terms of government presence or patronage, as evident in the scarce government amenities in the area.





He added that there was the need to address the needs of the people to build the human and natural resources available in Epe. The needs could be summed as follows:

- i. Rehabilitation of abandoned government industries, projects and programmes, the initial aim of which was to advance the cause of the youths, creating employment for the teeming population, meeting the educational of the youths, improving private sector initiatives and developing the natural resources in the area to boost its economy. Most of the abandoned projects include but not limited to the Agbowo Breweries, Oko Baba Sawmill and Otta-Ikosi Water Works, various housing projects, the works yard in Orugbo, the Epe Plywood Industries in Epe, the Scrap Motor project, Molajoye; timber port companies and the agric and aqua culture.
- ii. Revamping / upgrading of markets in the division to boost commercial activities. The markets include Mowowale, Agbowo, Itokin Market, Ejinrin Market, Ayetoro and Oluwo, Epe, Mojoda market and others.
- iii. Rehabilitation and expansion of major roads and repair of inner roads to link the major ones.
- iv. Rehabilitation of the various waterfronts and repair of jetties in all coastal towns to aid water transportation to decongest the roads.
- v. Completion of abandoned government housing projects in the division to boost population and economic activities in the area. These include those in Agbowo, Odo Ayandelu and others.
- vi. Construction of drainages to stem the tide of flooding often experienced in the area in rainy seasons.
- v. Supply of electric transformers in most communities in the division to meet the power needs of the entrepreneurs who depend on electric power supply for their survival.
- vi. Upgrading of government schools and higher institutions to meet the higher education needs of the youths and establishment of libraries in the division, to aid continuous learning.
- v. Upgrading of health facilities and installation of equipment lying wasted in the hospitals while referrals were made to similar facilities in the state. This include the x-ray machine at the Agbowo General Hospital.

He also highlighted the requests made by the Lekki District as follows:

- i. Construction of access road from the main road to the following communities: Itoke, Ilege, Magbon Segun, Okunraye, Origanrigan, Osoroko, Ebute Lekki, Igbekodo, Apakin, Itamarun, Oriyanrin, Otolu, Folu, Okegelu, Siriwon, Olomowewe, Ikegun, Ilagbo, Igbolomi, Ise, Igbogun, Akodo Ise.
- ii. Provision of potable water in all the communities.
- iii. Renovation of Siriwon, Oshoroko and Otolu Primary schools as well as supply of medical equipment Folu, Itamarun and Okuraye PHCs.

He added that the Igbein Community was also sending an SOS message to the State Government over the invasion of their land by the land grabbers, supposedly led by Chief Kamoru Lamina, aka Sir K Oluwo. The boys, referred to as 'family



boys' by their host, Dapo Soneye, were currently terrorising the farmers and property owners in Igbein Community and obstructing economic activities around the town.

Temitope Sanya replied that his request and recommendation were noted and would be sent to the appropriate Agencies for action.

5.2.11. Babs Muse said he was from Ibeju-Lekki and he could see a lot of residential housing estates spring up and he was almost sure that the current infrastructural provision in that area could not support the population growth in that area. He appealed to the Government to consider the upgrade of the infrastructure to support the population growth in that area.

5.2.12. Olayemi Dada suggested the provision of more primary health centres in Eredo LCDA, particularly for Iraye-Oke Town. He also mentioned that a reasonable proportion of the revenue derived from land allocations in Epe Division, should be invested in economic and social development of the division, and taxes would definitely improve as the economy improves.

Eniola Awosika (Planning Officer) replied that his request had been noted for further action.

5.2.13. Yinka Olaniyi commented that there was a need to complete the road linking Marina to Obafemi Awolowo Way through Oke Balogun in Epe and that there was a school called Okemagba High School located at Mojoda, Epe, the boundary town between Ogun and Lagos state that was in a sorry state and needs major infrastructural repair.

He added that Igboye Community School in Epe does not have enough space for their students, with the pandemic, schools would need space in order to practice social distancing,

5.2.14. Joko Dawodu Omotola mentioned that there was a place in Epe that was designated for the construction of an Early Intervention Center for babies that are diagnosed with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) by the last administration. The Parents of children with IDD were appealing that the construction of the center should start in earnest.

Eniola Awosika responded that his request had been noted and would be sent to the relevant Agency for further action and then asked which area in Epe was designated for the construction of the Centre?

5.2.15. Onabajo Abdulwahab commented that a modern and valuable youth centre was needed in Epe.

Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that the contribution was noted.

5.2.16. Shittu Mustapha Adeniyi, NYCN (Epe Branch), appreciated the LASG for organizing the forum. He highlighted the following as the plights of the people and hoped the State would address them:

- i. LASG needs to assist in completing the abandoned projects in Epe, the projects were causing serious menace. Especially, the abandoned Epe Girls building, Maternal and Child Center and Emergency Center both at Epe General Hospital.
- ii. Rehabilitation of the Epe to Itokin roads.
- iii. Inclusion of youths in governance.
- iv. Reducing of the rent of Lagos Theater Epe.



- v. Standardizing of the Epe recreational center, to serve as youth centre.
- vi. Prompt action on Epe to Ibeju Road.
- vii. Provision of traffic lights on the major highways in order to reduce road accident.

Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that his comments, suggestions and requests were noted and had been forwarded to the relevant Agencies for further action.

5.2.17. Ajofoyinbo Dipo said on behalf of COLED and Ibeju District of COLED in particular, he wished to say that the Road networks within Epe Division needs a great attention of the State Government. He added that is need for dualization of Eleko Junction Road to Lekki LCDA due to activities at the Lekki Free Trade Zone (LFTZ). This effort would ease movements along the corridor, notwithstanding the Heavy-Duty machines plying the road on daily basis by different companies at the LFTZ.

5.2.18. Flora Awosika suggested that the need to overhaul the general hospitals and PHCs in Epe because there were more public health facilities than privates in that axis.

5.2.19. Alhaji Tunde Ibilola Abdulrahman: said that there was a need for a 132kva substation in Epe to boost power supply for the whole Epe division.

Tayo Oseni-Ope responded that the LASG would further liaise with FG through relevant Agencies for the provision and others associated infrastructural facilities.

## **6.0. RESPONSES**

### **6.1. The Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube**

6.1.1. The Honourable Commissioner mentioned that the Governor had said that one of the foundational principles of the present administration was intergovernmental collaboration which did not sound important but was. He explained that it was intergovernmental collaboration that saved the Government over ₦20billion in getting those buses out; it was intergovernmental collaboration that was enabling the State to work together with the Federal Government to deliver a red line which would have been impossible without and would have required the State to spend additional ₦=360billion, and the State would continue to engage the Federal Government; it was the same intergovernmental collaboration in cooperation with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) on the Rice mill that was putting over ₦8billion on the table, which showed that there was a lot of value in the collaborations. He assured Oba Babatunde that the Itokin road was already on the front burner.

6.1.2. He explained that for many reasons the Rice Mill, the market relocation and a lot of investments were being done in that axis, it was therefore important to the people of Epe, Ikorodu and the State in general that road be addressed. What the Government could do in the meantime was do a lot of palliatives but it was a



complete work that needed to be done and an update would be given by the Honourable Commissioner on what was being done.

6.1.3 The Honourable Commissioner responded on the proposal for private investment that the Film Village was in the THEMES Agenda and it was something the State wants to do and there was an Office of SDGs and Investments for that. He mentioned that the proposal would be sent to them because the partnership was wanted. He said that entertainment and tourism was built around a few things like training and development, the State wants to be able to train the practitioners in that sector to be world class and filming infrastructures like Hollywood, an environment that helps to shoot films were desired but that investment had not been found yet but the State was eager to see their proposals, have the discussions on that and see what was possible.

6.1.4. He further emphasized that the State could not be a hub of entertainment and tourism without a film village and scenery was also needed for films. The state also wants to improve the heritage sites and was coming up with a calendar for the entire State so people around the world would know what was happening in different places in Lagos State and know where the sites were, this was also part of the THEMES Agenda.

6.1.5. On market, he mentioned that Lagos State was a big market and was also known for that. The market requires some investments and a lot of organization, the State was beginning to look at policies around market, he explained that it was beyond rehabilitation and relocation, the market needs to be understood. He stated that the State was Currently working on policies around food market to try and design the infrastructure needed for it. The State wants to be able to know the foods coming into Lagos State, where it was coming from, the quality it was coming in, in order to moderate it. He mentioned that it was important for the State to be able to negotiate on behalf of the market people, with the suppliers of the product, for instance, tomatoes might be brought in from Kano with half of it already spoilt and the market woman/ man would have to pay for it.

6.1.6. He explained that a market with good storage facilities, both cold and dry storage, were needed so that the market people who could not afford to buy freezers, could store their produce, and the work that was ongoing. The State also needs to know how people bring in things into the market and how they were taken out, in order to manage traffic, as traffic in itself could spoil the market. He added that there would be a lot of consultation on the design and the infrastructure required to support it, and once successful, the lessons from the food market design would be replicated in the other markets. He believed that if the market supply chain was clear, it would attract investments. With proper organization, the question of the amount of meat consumption in Lagos State, its source, the state it is in, the means of transportation, the storage would be known and investment could be made by the Government, together with the private sector to ensure that it works.

6.1.7. On the social register for the vulnerable, the Honourable Commissioner announced the phone number (09028060122) of the Head of Lagos State Operations Coordinating Unit (LASOCU), Mrs Kemi Adedeji to those who might want the information and she would be able to give them information on when the team might be in their area. He asked the LCDAs, market men and women, artisans and others to support her when necessary.

6.1.8. The Honourable Commissioner commended Giwa Moshood Olasupo on his valuable contributions and said that he should get in touch with the head of the Office of Civic Engagement, Mrs. Adebawale-Owoeye Aderemi, in an organized manner because she was in charge of engaging all the segments and getting feedback, and to ensure that the people's representation in what the State Government was doing, was strong and fully consultative. He said she would show him the way one gets to the office of Civic Engagement, which was very important for the State's engagement mechanism. He also acknowledged his concerns about tourism in Marina and said that he was happy it was mentioned. He said the State was trying to develop things around Badagry and Epe and just wanted to crosscheck that the specific projects mentioned were within view, although he stated that he was neither sure of the dockyard project nor the plywood industry.

6.1.9. On Adeniyi Ajayi's comment about politicians, the Honourable commissioner explained that everyone was part of the political class and participation is what brings about transparency. He explained that government does not start with providing amenities but with the people coming together and electing a person to go and provide amenities for everyone, which brings the question of how the money would be gotten, which is where tax payment comes in. hence, it was taxes before development. He stated that the Government would continue to invest with the available responses but taxes were a responsibility and it was criminal not to pay it, beyond that, it was good for development, which the Government could be held responsible for.

6.1.10. The Honourable Commissioner addressed the issue of some project abandonment, he said that as a principle, the Government does not abandon projects and that he would look into it. He explained that the way the Medium Term Sector Strategy (MTSS) works was that ongoing projects were prioritized in the budget for the following year, so abandoned projects were out of line and not the way the Government works. He said it might be projects that were started but were not part of the development and said that he would look into it, and give feedback.

He then introduced Mrs. Kemi Adedeji, Head, LASOCU for further responses.

## **6.2. Head of Lagos State Operations Coordinating Unit, Mrs. Kemi Adedeji**

6.2.1. Mrs. Kemi Adedeji stated that LASG in 2019 signed the memorandum of understanding for implementing operation of the social register project, it was a bit late into the implementation but the State was catching up to the rest of the country. She explained that part of the logistics of the implementation was a Community-Based Targeting Team (CBTT) in each of the implementing LG which started with the first 6 selected LG in Lagos State: Epe , Ibeju-lekki, Badagry, Amuwo Odofin, Lagos Island and



Apapa and for Epe , there was a CBTT in Epe LG , Erede LCDA and Ikosi LCDA.

6.2.2. She mentioned that Mr Rahmoni Alabi, a staff of the Epe LG was the CBTT leader for Epe, Mrs. Shimoniku for Ikosi LG and Modupe for Irepo LCDA. Many of the poor and vulnerable households in Epe division, both in Epe LG and Ibeju LG had been enrolled, there were over 8000 poor and vulnerable houses in Epe LG and over 9000 from Ibeju-Lekki, which makes it a total of over 17,000 poor and vulnerable households in Epe division. She added that the LASOCU team would not leave the Epe Division until the poor and vulnerable households had been maxed out.

6.2.3. Mrs. Kemi Adedeji explained that the project had brought into existence an incredible, simple social register for Nigeria. The State would have an individual single social register of poor and vulnerable households and in terms of social interventions, it would bring a credible way of accessing the poor and vulnerable households in a way that they would not have to know anybody in Alausa to be able to access the social intervention programme. She implored the traditional rulers, religious leaders and stakeholders in general to help in creating more awareness about the project, such that there would be more inclusion and less exclusion problem, whereby no single poor and vulnerable household would be left out.

### **6.3. The Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube**

6.3.1. The Honourable Commissioner mentioned that 132,000 households had been captured, with 80,000 households captured in June alone, and that it was small, compared to the population of the poor and vulnerable households in Lagos State. So there was need for more participation and support from the people on this. He added that this moved Lagos state from No. 32 position to no. 12 in Nigeria but Lagos State was still far from the mark as there were still more poor and vulnerable people that were yet to be captured in the social register.

### **6.4. Chairman, Local Government Chairman (EPE), Hon. Adedoyin Adesanya**

6.4.1. He explained that the first phase of the State Operations Coordinating Unit (SOCU) had commenced but there were some setbacks because of logistics. Epe has the largest land mass, 80% of which are riverine areas and had not been covered as it had been difficult reaching the people as the routes could only be accessed through Speedboats and Okada (motorcycle). He mentioned that those who were doing the registration were willing to go to those areas if LASG could support them with speedboats, as the target people (the poor and vulnerable) were yet to enjoy the benefit of the programme. He then pleaded with the Honourable Commissioner to assist in that regards.

**VOTE OF THANKS BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY  
OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET, MRS. ADETUTU LIADI**





The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mrs. Adetutu Abiola Liadi appreciated the Honourable Commissioner, Mr. Sam Egube, for his presentation and efforts; the Special Adviser to the Governor, Mr. Adebayo Sodade for his support; the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor, Mr. Olalekan Balogun; other top Government functionaries in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Directors, Heads of Unit, the members of staff and all participants who joined the forum both physically and virtually.

She formally expressed gratitude to all the guests, who, at great cost and sacrifice made time to honour the State's invitation to the Y2021 Consultative Forum organised by the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, to foster transparency and accountability in the preparation process of the State's Y2021 Budget.

The Permanent Secretary, stated that over the years, the people's contributions had been of immense benefit and value to the state Government especially in charting the way forward in the State's economic developmental projections.

She further emphasized that the State was hopeful that the outcomes of the deliberations of the Epe Division would impact positively on the budget preparation which was intended to ensure that the desired interests of the people were not only captured but implemented in order of priority.

She used the opportunity to enjoin everyone to continue to fulfil their civic responsibilities of paying their taxes as and when due, so that the State Government could continue to implement and carry out more development projects and programmes in all divisions within the State.

She concluded by thanking everyone, once again, on behalf of the Honourable Commissioner, Special Adviser, Senior Special Adviser and the entire staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget and mentioned that the State is looking forward to receiving the people again, in the years to come and wished everyone journey mercies to their various destinations.

The meeting ended at 12:35pm.

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