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MINUTES OF THE REPORT FOR TOWN HALL STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON KANO STATE PROPOSED 2027 BUDGET CONDUCTED AT RANO EMIRATE COUNCIL, KANO STATE ON 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

INTRODUCTION:

The Kano Budget Working Group (KBWG), in collaboration with State Ministry of Planning and Budget (MoPB) and Bridge Connect Africa Initiatives has organized a stakeholders' Consultative Town Hall Meeting aimed at gathering citizens' inputs into the proposed 2027 Kano State Budget.

The initiative forms part of the state government's ongoing reforms to promote inclusive governance and citizen participation across all stages of the budget cycle from formulation to implementation, monitoring, and reporting. Participatory budget is an essential component of Kano State Public Financial Management law 2020 which clearly point out under section 10(3) on the need to conduct stakeholders' meeting on budget to collect citizens demands and priorities for consideration into the budget.

The participants were drawn from 10-LGAs under Rano Emirate (Rano, Kibiya, Bunkure, Garin Malam, Kura, Doguwa, Tudun Wada, Takai, Sumaila and Bebeji) from different social class of the society including representatives of community-based organizations (CBOs), traditional and community leaders, youth and women groups, persons with disabilities (PWDs), the media (NUJ), teachers (NUT), Parent Teachers Association (PTA), SBMC, students, Primary Health Care officials, Market leaders, Farmers' Associations, NURTW, Local Government Council representative.

OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

1. To create awareness on the budget process.
2. To update participants on the preparation of the Kano State 2027 proposed budget.
3. To collect inputs/demands for consideration into the 2027 budget.
4. To ensure continuous engagement between government and citizen groups through active participation in budget processes.
5. To promote transparency and accountability by strengthening participatory monitoring, evaluation, and tracking of budget allocations, releases, and implementation.

PRESENTATIONS:

The meeting was conducted at UK Town Hall located within Rano Local Government Council Sectarate with full participation of all targeted stakeholders. The meeting commenced with self-introduction by the participants followed by an opening remarks by the representative of Ministry of Planning and Budget- Malam Yusuf.

Presentation on budget processes was delivered by Comrade Akibu Hamisu which emphasis the need for active citizens participation in the entire budget processes- Preparation, Legislative Scrutiny, enactment, Implementation, Monitoring and Tracking Performance. He also stressed on the importance of identifying critical demands and prioritizing them for easy incorporation into the budget across all sectors as provided in the collated template.

BREAK THROUGH SESSION:

The participants were break according their local government after distributing template to fill in their prioritized demands across some key sectors such as Education, Health, Water, Environment, Agriculture and Infrastructure, the exercise was supervised by members of Kano budget working group, and representatives from ministry of planning and budget. The session ended up with the achievement of the intended objectives.

OBSERVATIONS:

1. The budget town hall meeting remains the only citizens-led mechanism for engaging citizens on budget matters, providing a platform for interaction and collation of citizen demands across sectors and key priority areas.
2. There was a growing interest in public participation in the budget process.
3. There was an increased level of understanding on how the budget is implemented.
4. The conversation around citizens' participation in budget processes was extended to local government budgets.
5. Participants acknowledged the importance of budget tracking through advocacy and stakeholders' engagement.
6. The meeting highlighted the need for continuous civic education to sustain and deepen citizen involvement in budgetary processes.
7. There was a notable demand for greater transparency in the allocation and release of funds, particularly at the local government level.
8. The session revealed a strong desire among participants for follow-up mechanisms to ensure that collated demands are reflected in the final budget.

OUTCOMES

1. The town hall meeting was successfully conducted with all targeted stakeholders across the ten LGAs under Rano Emirate.
2. Participants were sensitized on the budget process, monitoring, and tracking of implementation.
3. Citizens' demands/inputs were collated across all the LGAs.
4. Inputs identified were collated and prioritized according to sectors.
5. A comprehensive list of prioritized community needs was developed for submission to the Ministry of Planning and Budget.
6. The meeting strengthened the relationship between government institutions and citizen groups, fostering mutual accountability.
7. Participants expressed commitment to ongoing engagement and monitoring of budget implementation in their respective communities.

CLOSING REMARKS

Participatory budgeting promotes social justice by giving citizens the right to participate in decision-making processes and strengthening administrative reforms. In participatory budgeting programs, considerable time and effort are dedicated to decentralizing government, fostering good governance and transparency. Participatory budgeting can provide government with firsthand information that improves the allocation of resources to where they are needed most and helps prioritize projects. Public input may offer innovative solutions that would not have emerged from traditional modes of decision-making within the government cycle alone.

CONCLUSION

The Rano Emirate town hall meeting successfully demonstrated the commitment of the Kano State Government to inclusive governance and participatory budgeting. By engaging a broad spectrum of stakeholders across ten LGAs, the meeting ensured that diverse community voices were heard and their priorities documented for consideration in the 2027 budget. The active participation and enthusiasm displayed by attendees underscore the growing demand for transparency and accountability in public financial management. Moving forward, it is imperative that the collated inputs are systematically integrated into the budget process, and that mechanisms for continuous engagement and feedback are strengthened to sustain citizen trust and participation. This consultative approach not only enhances the legitimacy of the budget but also contributes to more equitable and effective resource allocation for the benefit of all Kano State residents.

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