

## **COMMUNIQUE OF THE 14TH BUDGET INCLUSIVE TOWN HALL MEETING HELD BY NIGER DELTA BUDGET MONITORING GROUP AT PEACE AND FREEDOM CENTRE OF THE MOVEMENT FOR THE SURVIVAL OF OGONI PEOPLE (MOSOP), BORI, RIVERS STATE, ON THE 4 JUNE, 2015.**

The 14th Inclusive Budget Town Hall Meeting was organised by the Niger Delta Budget Monitoring Group (Regional Accountability Centre) with support from Oxfam in Nigeria for Bori Cluster at the Peace Centre of MOSOP, Bori, Rivers State.

Deliberations at the meeting centred on issues bordering on community accountability and the selected projects for Bori Cluster from the Rivers State Government Budget 2013.

### **OBSERVATIONS**

1. Projects meant for Ogoni were critically appraised, as its accordingly attracted reactions from representatives of various communities.
2. That projects in the Bori Cluster towns were not executed or completed. Examples are: Sakpenwa, Bori-Kono Road and Nyowii Deen Lukue Road, Nyokura Tem Gbara, Lore Luebe Road, to mention but a few.
3. That communities are not conscious of the planning or budgetary provisions for projects within their localities.
4. That the villages affected by some projects were not mentioned in the budget to help the people identify whether the projects were executed or not. Example of such projects are the water projects in the seven communities in Nyo Khana Constituency II.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Government should involve local communities in the planning, budgeting and implementation of community projects.
2. Community should develop interest in the projects that are sited in their area.
3. Community representatives should be conscious of their rights as to the planning, budgeting and implementation of projects in their communities.
4. That representatives should be expanded to involve youth leaders, CDCs, Chiefs, Women Leaders and others, which should be reached at expanded

town hall meetings.

5. That the awareness for inclusive budget should be a continuous process.

6. That future representations at town hall meetings should be comprehensive, involving the community leaders, the NGOs and Government representatives.

7. The organizers of the programme were commended for the good organization of the forum.

**Signed**

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