

**DECLARATION AFTER A ONE DAY COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETING ON INCLUSIVE BUDGET ORGANIZED BY NIGER DELTA BUDGET MONITORING GROUP {NDEBUMOG} WITH SUPPORT FROM OXFAM IN NIGERIA, ATELEBELE TOWN HALL, ON THE 27TH OF MAY 2015.**

At an Inclusive Budget Town-Hall Meeting for Elebele Cluster comprising of Amorokeni, Kolo I,II,III, Emeyal I,& II, Elebele, Imiringi, Otuasega,Oruma, Ibelebiri and Etegwe II Communities in Ogbia Local Government Area of Bayelsa State, organized by the Niger Delta Budget Monitoring Group with support from Oxfam in Nigeria, which was held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015. We the participants at the Inclusive Budget Town Hall Meeting for Elebele Cluster, made the following observations:

1. That in Elebele Cluster, there are no good roads. e.g., dualization of Yenegwe, Kolo, Nembe, and the dualization of Opolo/Elebele roads, which was terminated at Elebele Community, should extend to other clustering communities. Thus government should try to finish the awarded projects within the awarded fiscal year.
2. Government projects at the Primary and Secondary Schools level should involve the provision of adequate facilities and other instructional materials.
3. The following projects ( electrification of Oruma/Otuasega Communities in the 2012 & 2013 budget have nothing on ground to show, therefore, government should review and complete these projects for the communities.

4. Due processes have not been followed in the procurement and bidding for capital projects awards, and thus, proper need assessment should be conducted before siting of any project.
5. Government should include communities in the budget process and implementation. Importantly, proper baseline studies and need assessment should be conducted before projects execution.

The following recommendation/appeal were made by the participants:

1. That communities in Ogbia LGA should be encouraged to develop a framework for prioritized projects to guide developmental processes at the community level.
2. We appeal to the Niger Delta Budget Monitoring Group to build capacity for the Kolo Creek Development Foundation, which cut across the twelve communities in the Elebele Cluster to enable them monitor the budgets of all tiers of Government.

Signed:

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| 1. Mr. Christopher Ebuleke (Chairman) | - | Kolo II    |
| 2. Mr. Edwin Oribo (Secretary)        | - | Emeyal II  |
| 3. Mr. Amikpo Wellington              | - | Otuasega   |
| 4. Mrs. WolisiWadum                   | - | Emeyal I   |
| 5. Mrs. MarksonAmikponi               | - | Elebele    |
| 6. Chief Egabu Solomon                | - | Kolo III   |
| 7. Chief Amiekoni A. Igiri            | - | Amorokeni  |
| 8. Mrs. Consider Omere                | - | Otuegwe II |