

A stylized, colorful illustration of a landscape. The foreground features rolling green hills in various shades of green, with a brown path winding through them. On the left, there are several stylized trees and plants: a large green tree, a purple flower, and an orange flower. A small red bird is flying in the sky above the trees. The background consists of light blue and white wavy bands, suggesting a sky or water. The overall style is flat and modern.

FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT'S TOWN HALL MEETING, PHASE I, PORT HARCOURT

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The F4DN's program with Oxfam

For Oxfam in Nigeria, the Financing for Development (F4D) under the Strategic Partnership Programme envisage to create sustainable impact whereby more Nigerians, especially women, are empowered to participate in decision making, contribute to nation building as active citizens and benefit from better living standards through increased availability of essential services. Similarly at the long-term, the outcome projected to be achieved is to create a situation of improved policies and practices of government and private sector to result in reduced poverty and extreme inequality through more effective and efficient management of Nigeria's tremendous resources and increased citizen participation.

The pathway of change has been planned at 5 various levels, namely; Improved Policies of Government, Improved Policies of Private Sector, Strengthened CSOs, Increased Citizens' Voices and finally building Stronger and wider Alliances. The beneficiaries are mainly the Nigerian people, workers, CSOs, local communities, market women, small scale farmers, artisans, traders, local governments, as well as Ministries Departments and Agencies of government (MDAs), and the private sectors.

Rationale

- Our aim is to change fiscal and financial systems in Nigeria to increase finance for development and empower citizens to monitor how resources are utilized. This study will empower citizens and stakeholders with new knowledge to mobilize and ask the right questions towards improved government policies, improved private sector policies, more robust CSOs, increased citizen's voice and stronger wider alliances to women and other stakeholders.
- Citizens need to examine the national and state development budgets in detail, and hold their elected officials accountable for the development projects they promised.

Rationale...Cont'd



Town Hall Meeting is equally a critical tool at influencing government policies and frameworks that should have direct impact on the lives of the populace, particularly women. The civil society cannot claim to know it all and needs constructive collaboration with State Actors as demonstrated in this picture at a function of NDEBUMOG for government MDAs.

Specific objectives



Town Hall Meetings are part of evolving tool for participatory budget



It is also a tool, which can be used to advocate against electoral deficiencies, including as a tool for remediation against fiscal injustice

Further benefits from town hall meetings

Inform community stakeholders of capital projects within their communities

Obtain critical information about the levels of implementation of these projects.

Increase the likelihood of greater citizen's participation in the budget making process.

Identify challenges to citizen's participation in the budget process, through direct interaction with the community stakeholders and brainstorm on possible solutions to these obstacles with (NDEBUMOG) a Civil Society Organisation serving as a bridge for inclusion between the communities and government.

Importance of democratic inclusiveness in the fiscal process

➤ *Inclusiveness promotes social harmony*

➤ *Reduces inequality gaps*

➤ *Promotes democratic values*

➤ *Ventilates economic rights*

➤ *Encourages social accountability*

➤ *Strengthens systems*

➤ *Among others*

Democratic inclusion narrows the gaps against exclusion of women

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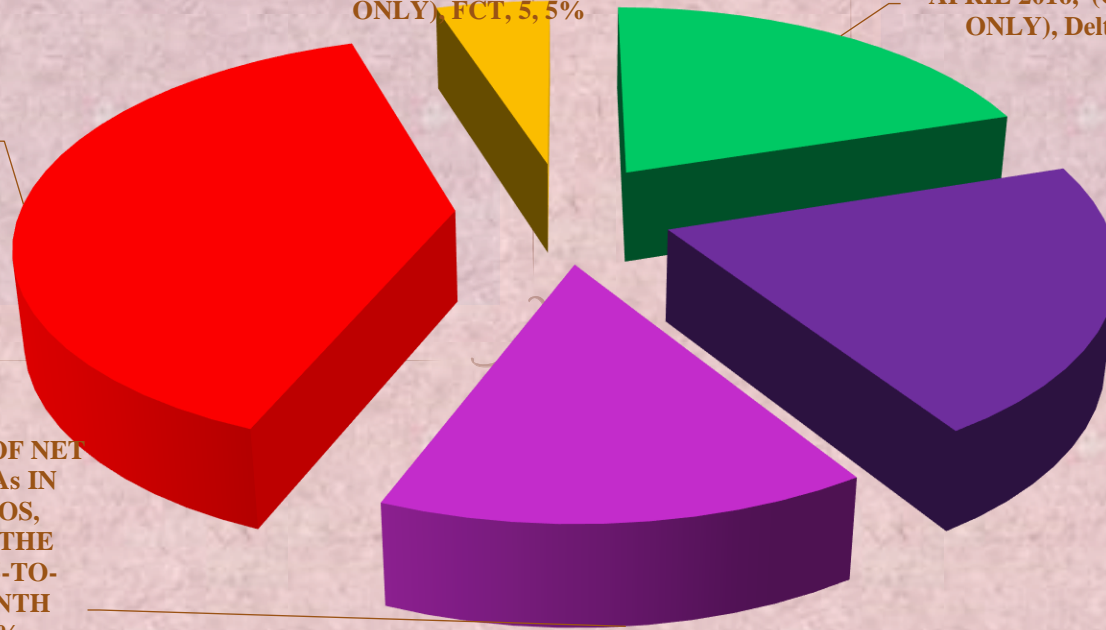
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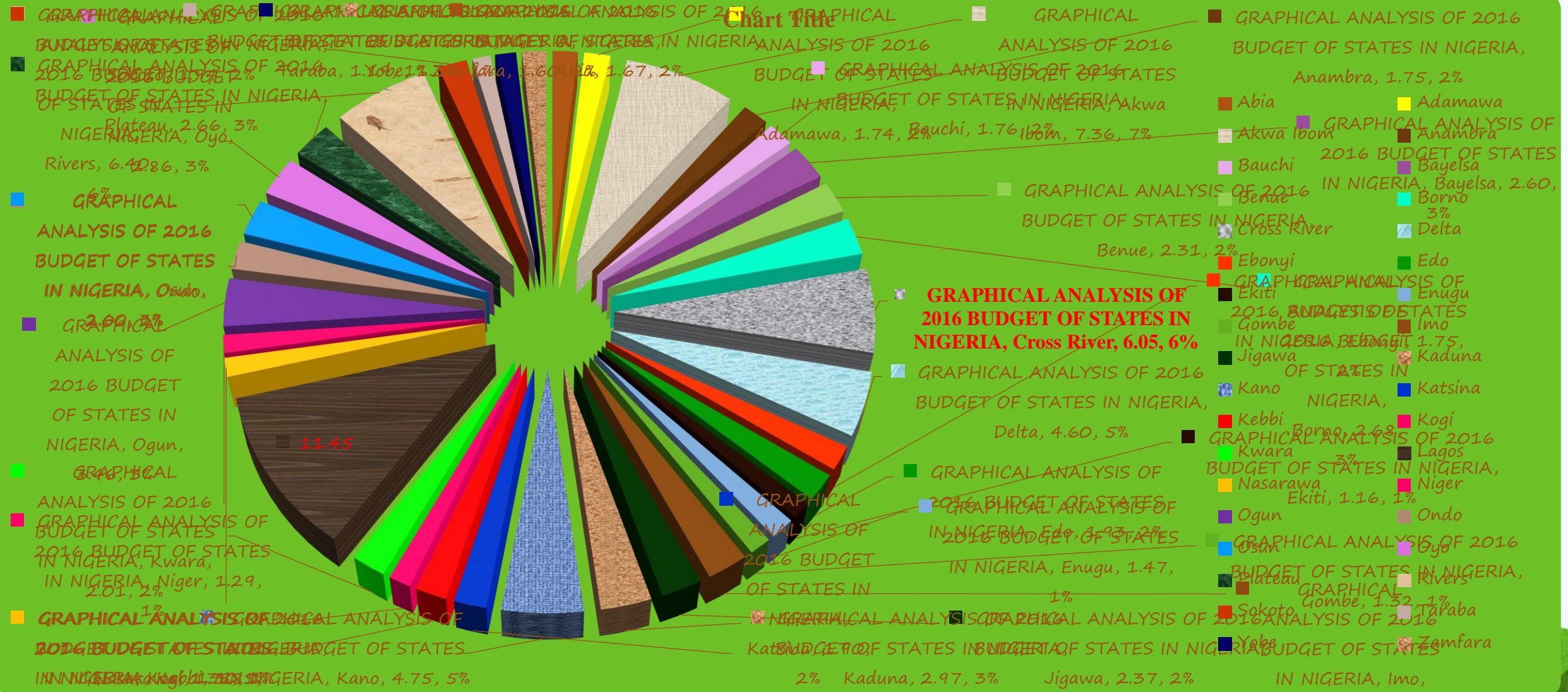
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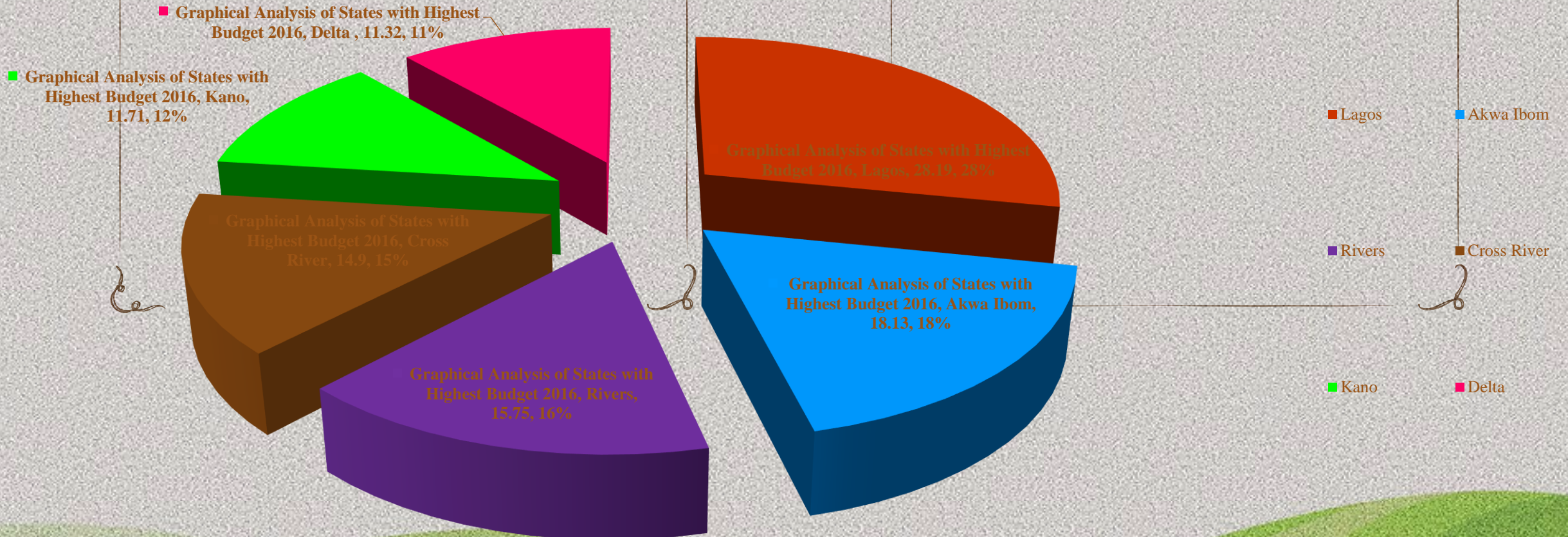
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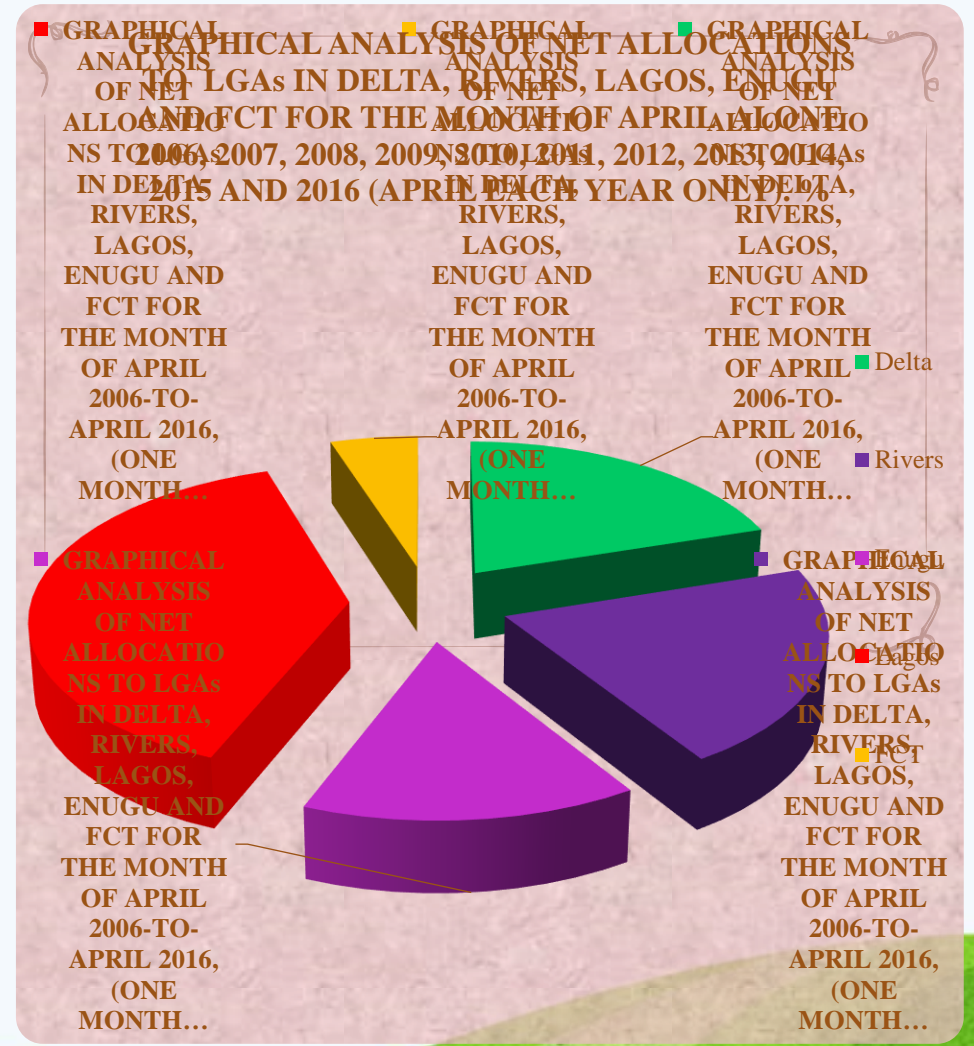
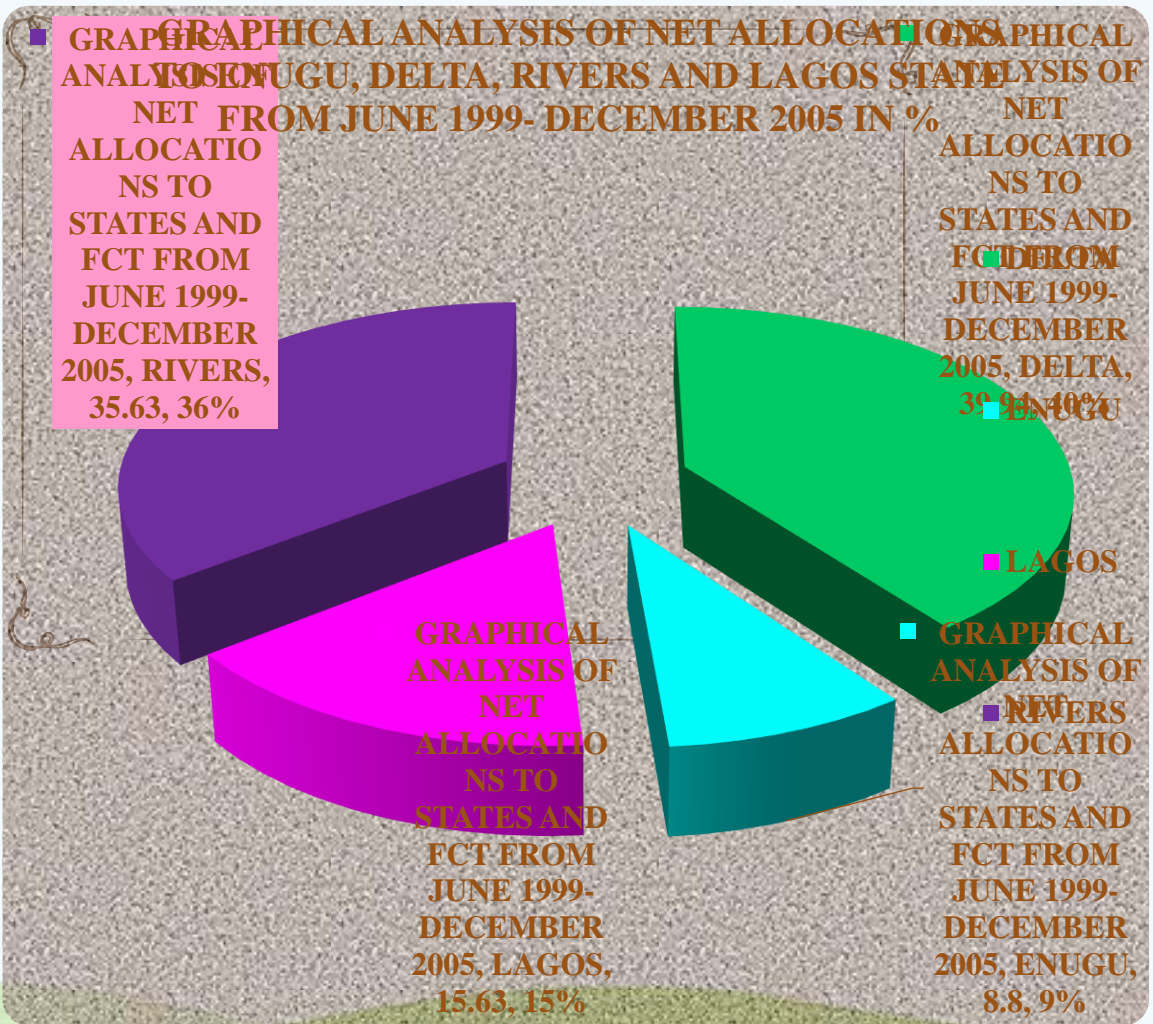


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Graphical Analysis of States With Highest Budget 2016 in %



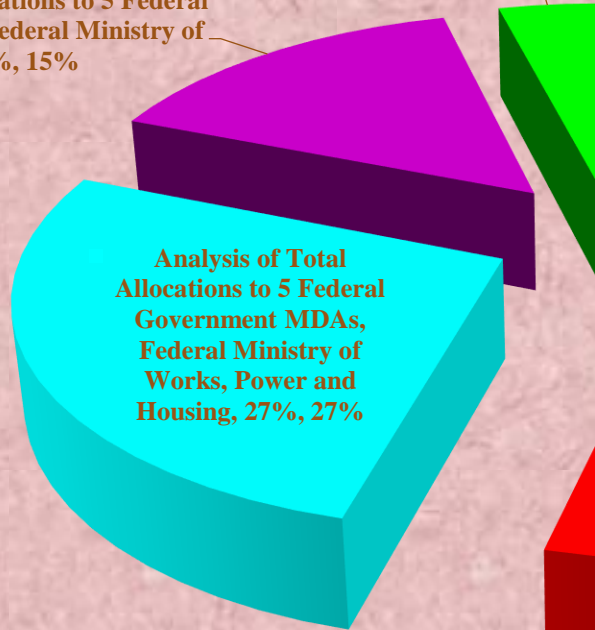
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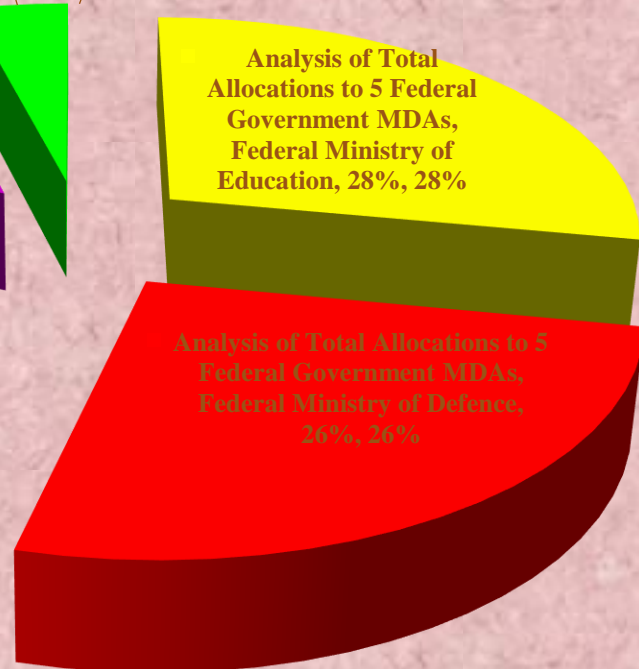
Conclusion

Analysis of Total Allocation (%) to Health, Defence, Works, Health and Agriculture for 2016

■ Analysis of Total Allocations to 5 Federal Government MDAs, Federal Ministry of Health, 15%, 15%



■ Analysis of Total Allocations to 5 Federal Government MDAs, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, 4%, 4%



■ Analysis of Total Allocations to 5 Federal Government MDAs, Federal Ministry of Defence, 26%, 26%

■ Federal Ministry of Education

■ Federal Ministry of Defence

■ Federal Ministry of Works, Power and Housing

■ Federal Ministry of Health

■ Federal Ministry of Agriculture

Is there a class capture of the Nigerian State? Why should Defence take big slice from the national budget, and yet, insecurity increasing by each day?

TAKE A FURTHER LOOK AT THE FACTSHEET WITH YOU AND DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY AND INCLUSION WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU!

Communities should begin to mobilize and lobby their elected representatives' for the restructuring of the sharing formula for more allocations to be given to the States and Local Governments, with community participation in resource monitoring reinforce beyond chapter 4 of the constitution