



**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 15TH INCLUSIVE BUDGET TOWN HALL MEETING OF THE NIGER DELTA BUDGET MONITORING GROUP HELD ON 5TH OF JUNE, 2015 AT OBIRI OROSI HALL, ISIOKPO, IKWERRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RIVERS STATE**

NDEBUMOG Regional Accountability Centre with support from Oxfam in Nigeria, organised an Inclusive Budget Town Hall meeting for Isiokpo Cluster in Rivers State, grouped together as Oyigbo, Emouha, Ikwerre, Degema, Etche and Omuma Local Government Areas of Rivers State on Friday, 5th June, 2015.

After exhaustive deliberations, the following observations and recommendations were adopted:

**OBSERVATIONS**

1. The information about the budget circle (framework) in use by the Rivers State Government was vague.
2. Some projects were abandoned between 2012 and 2013
3. Some internal roads for Isiokpo Cluster are done up to 60 per cent. Some are on-going
4. There are some projects without any information.
5. Isiokpo was cut off in the execution of Omerelu-Ubima road.
6. Some projects are partly executed because of the amount of money approved cannot do the whole work.
7. Four internal roads in Ubima was reconstructed/asphalted.
8. Corpers' Lodge was done but without teachers' quarters.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Projects budgeted for and financial approval given but were either done half way or abandoned or not completed should be completed for the benefit of affected communities.
2. It is also recommended that in the future, government should involve communities in the budget process.
3. Government should carry out needs assessment along with the communities to identify projects of priority.
4. Government should set up project monitoring committee in adhoc basis at communities to interface with communities on capital projects for communities.
5. Government and Local Government Councils should organise Town Hall Meeting of this kind before drafting budget.
6. Government should create employment opportunities for the youths.
7. Government should assist in constructing internal roads in Ogbodo.
8. There is the need to establish Skill Acquisition Centres for this Cluster by government.

### **Signed**

1. **Sir. Chika C. Amadi (JP)----- Adanta**
2. **Snr. Elder Princewill Nwobike ----Chairman C.D.C**
3. **Mrs. Patience A. Wordu(JP)-----Ogbodo**
4. **Miss. Priscillia Augustine-----Omueke**
5. **Daniel Dimm Y.-----Chairman Ogbodo.**