

**PRESENTATION TO BORI CLUSTER TOWN HALL
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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- Bori within the context Niger Delta's struggle and dev
- Revamping the social and economic infrastructures of Ogoni people
- Communal accountability as a yardstick for conflict reduction
- What are the projects we are looking at for Bori Cluster for the 2013 fiscal year?
- What of Sector Specific indicators
- What comes after?
- Next steps
- Conclusion

BORI WITHIN THE CONTEXT NIGER DELTA'S STRUGGLE AND DEV

- Bori is the traditional headquarters of the Ogoni people.
- Bori serves as a commercial centre for the Ogoni, Andoni, Opobo Annang and other ethnic nationalities of the Niger Delta.
- Bori is the host of the Rivers State Polytechnic
- The Bori Urban Area has many adjoining communities, including; the Brave Bua Kaani, Yeghe and Bo-Ue people.
- The Kaani people built and donated the first community secondary school in Nigeria to the Government of the Old Rivers State of Nigeria and part of Rivers East Senatorial District

REVAMPING THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURES OF OGONI PEOPLE

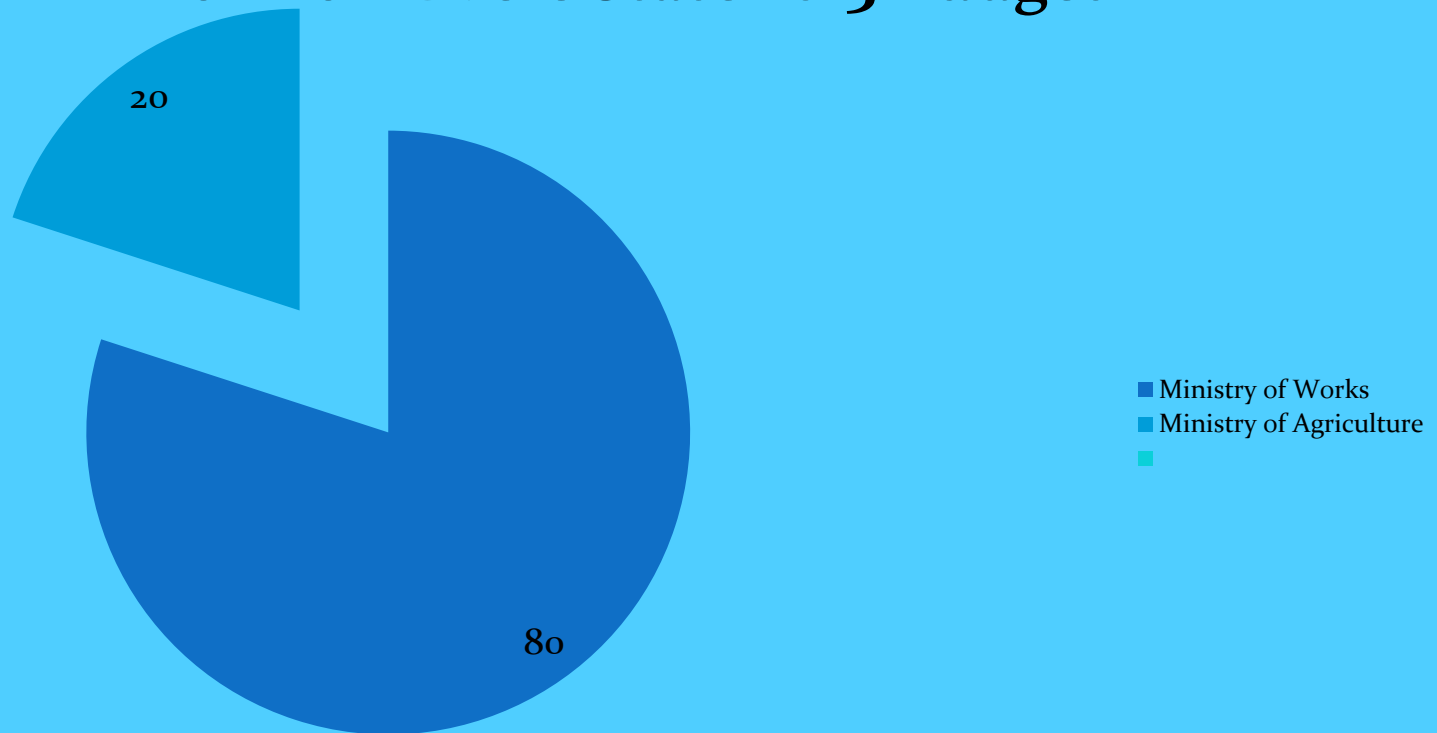
- History of the Niger Delta's indigenous people cannot be complete without critical reference to Ogoni people
- Ogoni axis is a test-case for any human capital development in the region, which should begin within the flank of Bori in Rivers and Kaiama in Bayelsa, catapulting across other clusters in the region.
- If the ogoni axis does not see infrastructural revolution and meaningful regional development, the talk about developing the Niger Delta is still a huge joke
- GSM handsets production firms and auto manufacturing companies should be encouraged with incentives to set up factories in Bori and other clustering communities, with Gas Incentive tie to fire up power generation for these industries, which should be inputted in the agreement for any oil firm acceptable to the people before resumption of extractive activities in the Ogoni axis.

COMMUNAL ACCOUNTABILITY AS A YARDSTICK FOR CONFLICT REDUCTION

- Niger Delta communities must indoctrinate transparency and accountability in the running of communities and larger family affairs to deepen the value for governance transparency, which should start at the family and community level.
- If people insist on running community and family affairs secretly, that dishonourably, would make them extend the lack of transparent conduct about *good and services* they are privilege to handle for the larger community with hoodwink spirit, which hitherto could spark off communal crisis and family squabbles in the long run.
- We all must learn and accept to be truly open, transparent and accountable for collective communal and societal good

WHAT ARE THE PROJECTS WE ARE LOOKING AT FOR BORI CLUSTER FOR THE 2013 FISCAL YEAR?

Distribution of Selected Projects by Sectors in Bori for Rivers State 2013 Budget



WHAT OF SECTOR SPECIFIC INDICATORS

- In the “Abridged Factsheet” in your hand, there are 10 capital projects for the Bori Cluster.
- In the 2015 Town Hall Master-List, there are 46 capital projects from the Rivers State Budget 2013. Further, NDDC has 87 capital projects and 8 Federal projects.
- These are all projects that affects lives of people. However, having the envelopes in the budget does not mean it would be cashed back, hence the need for stakeholders’ follow up at appraising, if there was fiscal accident.

WHAT COMES AFTER?

- Yes! Follow us and visit our website for the Master-list and other critical fiscal information concerning the region:
www.nigerdeltabudget.org
- We are unveiling a new website in less than a weeks time, which you can download information from the Master-list about all our 2015 Town Hall Meetings, which is not uploaded yet at the existing website

NEXT STEPS

- The next presentation shall provide you details of 10 projects encapsulated in the “Abridged Factsheet”
- What we are doing is to empower and encourage our communities to enjoy democratic right and freedom in following their money
- **We are inviting you to join the campaign against budget impunity**

CONCLUSION

- We are willing to assist our Niger Delta communities follow upon their projects and further serve as a bridge, for the facilitation of interfacing between our communities and the government at all levels.
- Send enquiries concerning information of projects you may wish to know and we shall follow up with the government to provide such information, provided, such enquiry not for single individual personal gain but for the collective benefit of our suffering communities in the Niger Delta
- Enquiries can be sent to: enquiries@nigerdeltabudget.org

THANKS FOR LISTENING

