



**PRESENTATION TO PORTHARCOURT CLUSTER
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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- Port Harcourt City Cluster in the context of Niger Delta
- Port Harcourt as Regional Capital of South-South people
- Expanding infrastructure beyond the capital cities
- Disclosures of inflow-outflow Revenues by States in the ND
- What are the projects we are looking at for PHC Cluster for the 2013 fiscal year?
- What of Sector Specific indicators
- What comes after?
- Next steps
- Conclusion

PORT HARCOURT CITY CLUSTER IN THE CONTEXT OF NIGER DELTA

- PHC is the engine-city for the Niger Delta struggles
- Development of Port Harcourt is considered a yardstick for the evolution of regional development
- Managers of the city should lead by example
- The blood of (some) Niger Delta's heroes was shed in Port Harcourt
- Regional harmony to synergize and stimulate infrastructural growth should foundationally be justified from this city

PORT HARCOURT AS REGIONAL CAPITAL OF SOUTH-SOUTH PEOPLE

- Port Harcourt Cluster stakeholders, must therefore, realize the burden of being the Regional Capital goes with a prize
- There are emerging and competitive capitals evolving to challenge Port Harcourt, and whose citizens can reject the regional head-city of Port Harcourt for the region, through social isolation by embracing evolving social infrastructure in cities like e:g Yenagoa and Calabar etc

EXPANDING INFRASTRUCTURE BEYOND THE CAPITAL CITIES

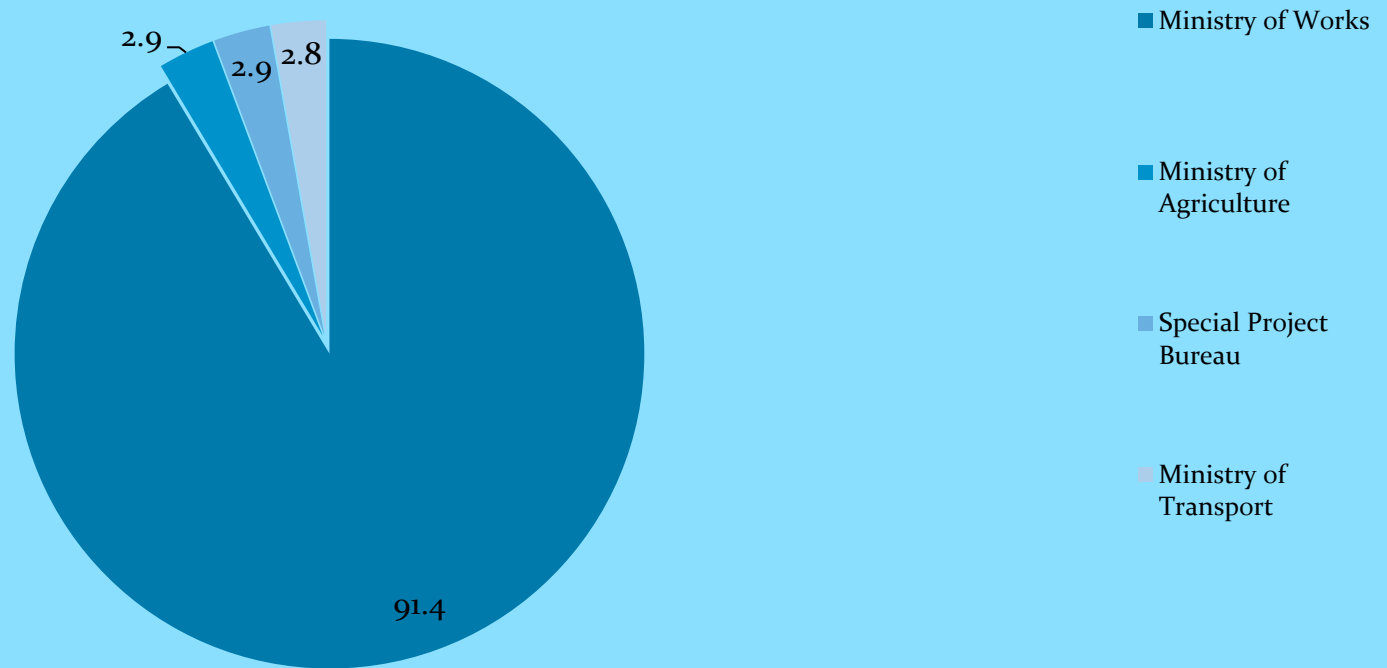
- There have been increased in social infrastructure within Port Harcourt but it was not as massive as contemplated due to later political turbulent in the state.
- Port Harcourt still remains one city state capital in Rivers State
- Isiokpo, Bori, Afam, Omoku, Oyigbo, Eleme, among others should be opened up infrastructurally
- The Governor cannot do everything alone and be everywhere at the same time, hence the communities should compliment efforts of the government in tracking revenues and expenditures, and at the same time, demand for distribution of the state government budget to various communities

DISCLOSURES OF INFLOW-OUTFLOW REVENUES BY STATES IN THE ND

- Only 2 states in the region were genuinely involved in disclosing inflow-outflow figures
- Out of the 2, disclosures from one was **VAGUE**
- The third State do not disclosed but their inflow-outflow account traceable and track able
- The rest of the remaining 3 states in the region have disclosure blackouts
- Sadly, disclosures which cannot be used to measure value for money for capital projects or impact analysis is political hoodwinking

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

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



WHAT OF SECTOR SPECIFIC INDICATORS

- PHC Cluster has 35 projects of the State Government in the “Abridged Factsheet”.
- However, in the 2015 Regional Town Halls Master-list of the Niger Delta Budget Monitoring Group, PHC 109, NDDC 211 and Federal 22 projects
- These are projects our team selected randomly
- **Note:** Having projects in the budget does not mean there was actual releases for these projects. Following up with the MDAs in question can provide answers

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 one week's 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 35 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

