

**PRESENTATION TO AMASSOMA  
CLUSTER TOWN HALL MEETING OF  
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AMASSOMA CLUSTER STAKEHOLDERS

- Amassoma within the equilibrium of Niger Delta's development
- Why did NDEBUMOG chose Amassoma among our 2015 Regional Town Halls location?
- What are the projects we are looking at for Amassoma Cluster for the 2013 fiscal year?
- What of Sector Specific indicators
- What comes after it?
- Next steps

## **OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION**

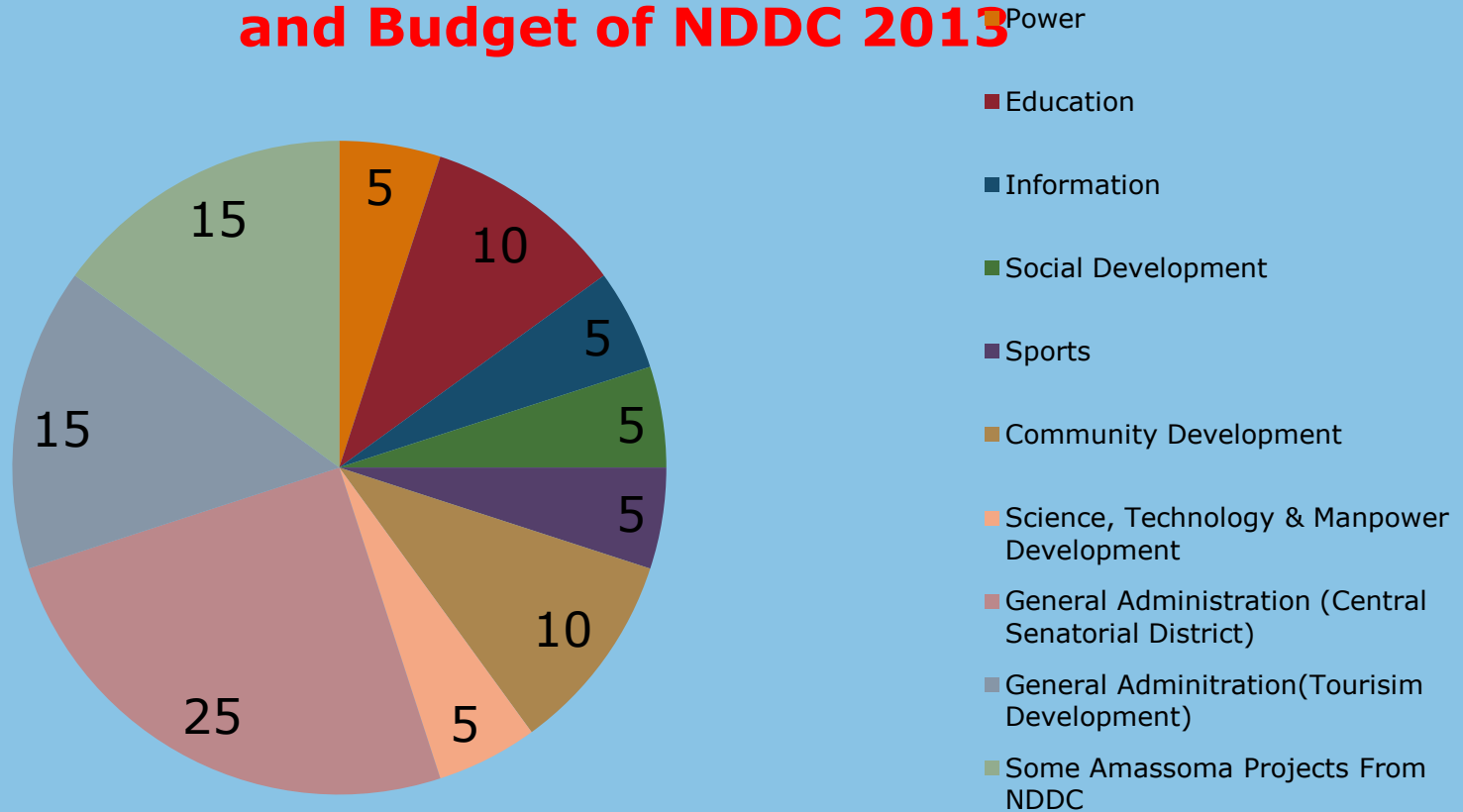
- Amassoma Kingdom is situated in Southern Ijaw LGA of Bayelsa State, Nigeria, some 30km away from Yenagoa, the state capital.
- It is a waterside village like most Ijaw communities, with a rich Ijaw cultural heritage. It is safe to say that it is one of the biggest Ijaw towns, second only to Arogbo town in Ondo state.
- It's also home to some prominent sons and daughters, among whom is, Chief DSP Alameisegha, a former Governor of Bayelsa State and the political God father of President Goodluck Jonathan.
- Amassoma is also the host community of the state owned Niger Delta University. A University brand that should be the pride of every Niger Deltan.
- Like every university town, security is a major source of worry in Amassoma and worrisome to most Niger Deltans, who may wish to identify with the town
- The above means, human capital and infrastructural development of Amassoma cluster should not be downplayed

## **THE PLACE OF AMASSOMA IN THE CONTEXT OF NIGER DELTA**

- Amassoma should be the pride of every son and daughter of our region, in view of the State Government, having branded the University in Amassoma as a regional brand
- NDU as a University, whereas, if the concept of "BRACED" was to work, each state government in the region, through mutual partnership, should be contributing financially to the development of the University and at the same time, be given a mutually agreed admission slots for indigenes of these states, with Amassoma Cluster and Bayelsa having the highest slots as host town and host state.
- Stakeholders from the Amassoma cluster should come together to stop Amassoma being in the news for wrong reasons, due to issues of insecurity, which can scare away stakeholders outside the region, who maybe interested to intervene for the development of the NDU and the town in general

**WHY DID NDEBUMOG CHOSE AMASSOMA AMONG OUR 2015 REGIONAL TOWN HALLS LOCATION?**

## Distribution of Selected Projects by Sectors for Amassoma in Bayelsa State 2013 Budget and Budget of NDDC 2013



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

- Amassoma has 17 state projects in the “Abridged Factsheet” in your hand
- However, in the 2015 Regional Town Halls Master-list of the Niger Delta Budget Monitoring Group, Amassoma has 23 state projects, 40 NDDC projects and 11 Federal projects.
- These are projects our team selected randomly

**WHAT OF SECTOR SPECIFIC INDICATORS**

- **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
- Bayelsa is the only state in the region, whose “transparency briefing” is pro-people centred and genuine.
- One other state in the region did but it is **vague**
- The Governor of the Bayelsa State, has therefore, set a transparency benchmark for communities to key- in and see their money working for them
- 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 communities

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- Yes! Follow us and visit our website for the Master-list and other critical fiscal information concerning the region: [www.nigerdeltabudget.org](http://www.nigerdeltabudget.org)
- We are unveiling a new website in 2 or 3 weeks time, which you can download information about all our 2015 Town Hall Meetings, which is not uploaded yet at our existing website

**WHAT COMES AFTER THIS?**



- The next presentation shall provide you details of 17 projects and 3 NDDC Projects encapsulated in the Abridged Factsheet for Amassoma cluster
- What we are doing is to empower and encourage our communities to enjoy democratic right and freedom in following their money
- Join the campaign against budget impunity

**NEXT STEPS**

- 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](mailto:enquiries@nigerdeltabudget.org)



**THANKS FOR LISTENING**