

**PRESENTATION TO ELEBELE CLUSTER TOWN HALL
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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- Elebele town in the context of Niger Delta
- Moving infrastructural concentration from the capital
- Communities in Bayelsa should key into open disclosure on inflow-outflow from the state government
- What are the projects we are looking at for Elebele Cluster for the 2013 fiscal year?
- What of Sector Specific indicators
- What comes after?
- Next steps
- Conclusion

ELEBELE TOWN IN THE CONTEXT OF NIGER DELTA

- Elebele community is located in the north-east part of Bayelsa State, in Ogbia Local Government Area of the State.
- It was founded in the 17th century by the migrants from the Benin River and belongs to the Ogbia sub-ethnic group of the Ijaw ethnic nationality.
- “**Well 1**”, the first Oil Well, where oil was first discovered in Nigeria is in this Local Government Area.
- We are looking at Elebele, being among the urban hubs in Bayelsa State come a few years

MOVING INFRASTRUCTURAL CONCENTRATION FROM THE CAPITAL

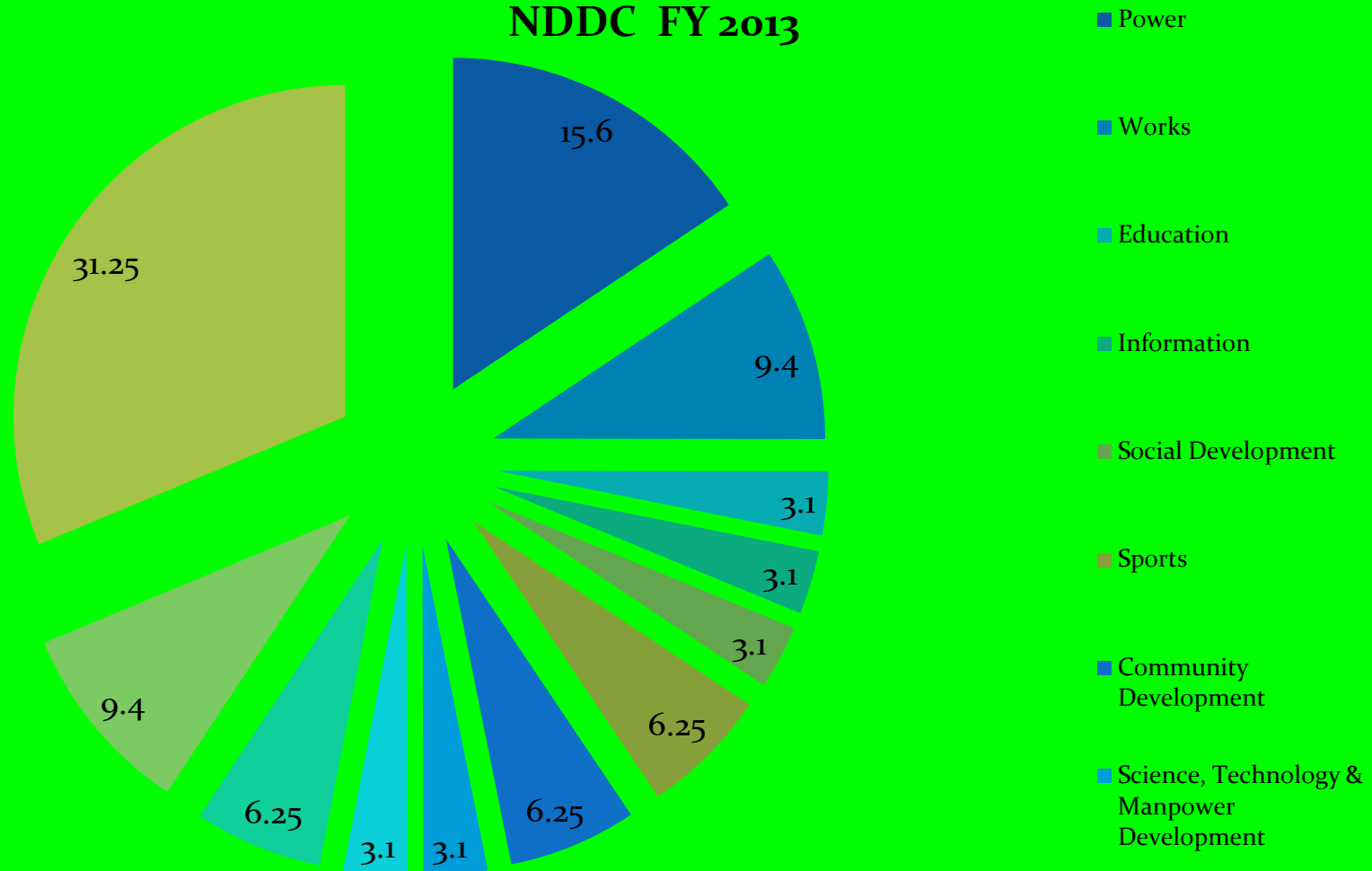
- The major road linking Elebele to Yenagoa need be dualize to open and link up both town, thereby stimulating economic development around Elebele axis
- Ogbia (including Elebele) is the LGA of the outgoing President, this writer is still suffering from brainwave, as to if the people of this LGA have something to show to the world infrastructurally for providing the President of Nigeria for 6 years, who was busy developing other part of Nigeria, only for the 2nd term he banked upon to look back to develop his axis, which never comes...We all weep as Niger Deltan!
- We therefore would not cease to campaign and advocate for the development of Ogbia Kingdom vis a vis the enter Niger Delta. Same way our brother and son was developing other region, the incoming government at the national level must develop the Niger Delta

COMMUNITIES IN BAYELSA SHOULD KEY INTO OPEN DISCLOSURE ON INFLOW-OUTFLOW FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT

- 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 was **vague**
- The Governor of the Bayelsa State has therefore, set a transparency benchmark for communities to buy 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

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

Distribution of Selected Projects by Selected Sector in Elebele in Bayelsa State and Covering State Projects and NDDC FY 2013



WHAT OF SECTOR SPECIFIC INDICATORS

- Elebele has 22 projects of the State Government in the “Abridged Factsheet” and 10 NDDC projects
- However, in the 2015 Regional Town Halls Master-list of the Niger Delta Budget Monitoring Group, Elebele cluster has 22 state projects, 88 NDDC projects and 19 Federal 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 2 or 3 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 22 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

