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THE NIGER DELTA MINISTRY AND DISLOCATED FISCAL MECHANICS IN YEARLY BUDGET (2014) BILL

OUTLINE

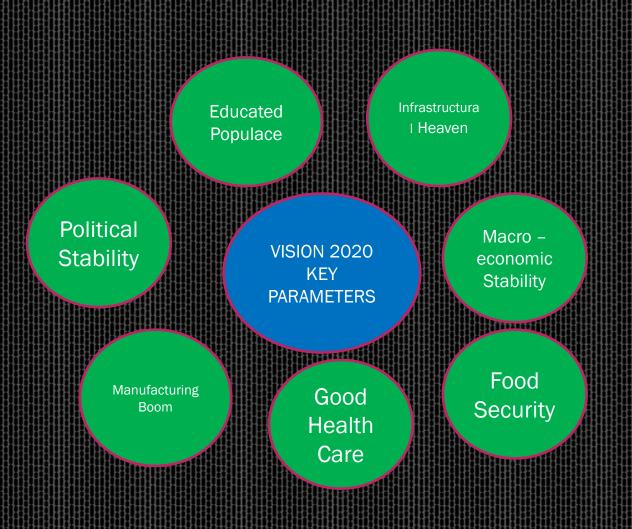
- Is policy thrust in tandem with vision 2020, Transformation Agenda and other sectoral high level policy documents?
- What are the key issues?
- What are the challenges and loopholes, and contradictions?
- Are figures tallying or meeting sectoral challenges?
- What are the frivolities and wasteful expenditure?
- Conclusions
- Recommendations

THE BUNKUM OF VISION 2020

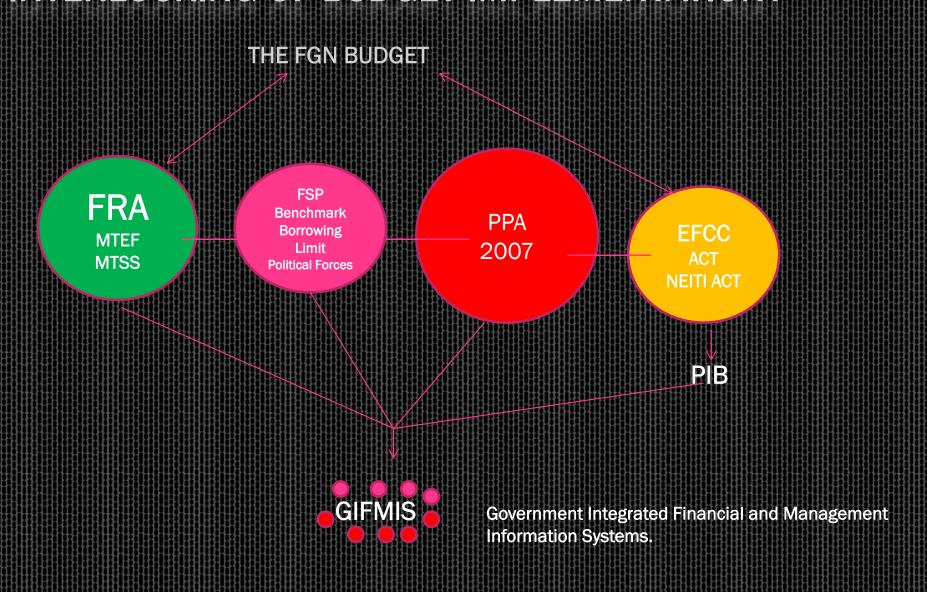
NEEDS and SEEDS program, which was to:

- "Stimulate Nigeria's economic growth and launch the country onto a path of sustained and rapid socio-economic development".
- "Place Nigeria in the bracket of top 20 largest economies of the world by year 2020, able to achieve a GDP of not less than \$900 billion and a per capita income of not less than \$4000/annum by year 2020".

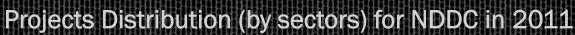
THE SAID KEY PARAMETERS OF VISION 2020

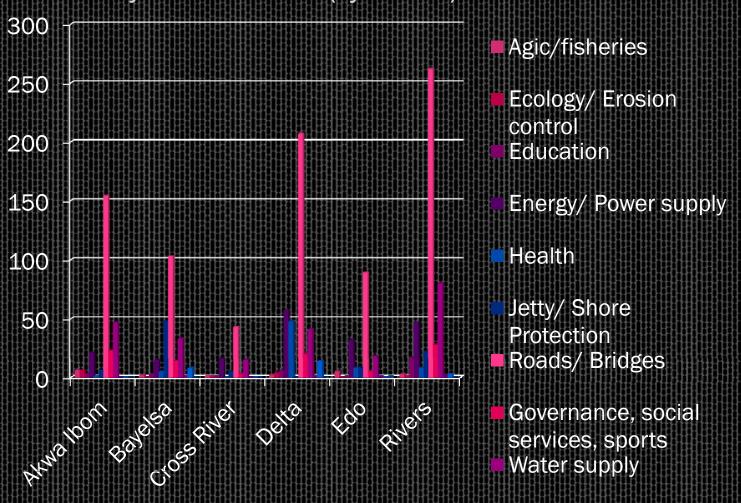


WHAT ARE THE KEY ISSUES AND BUREAUCRATIC INTERLOCKING OF BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION?

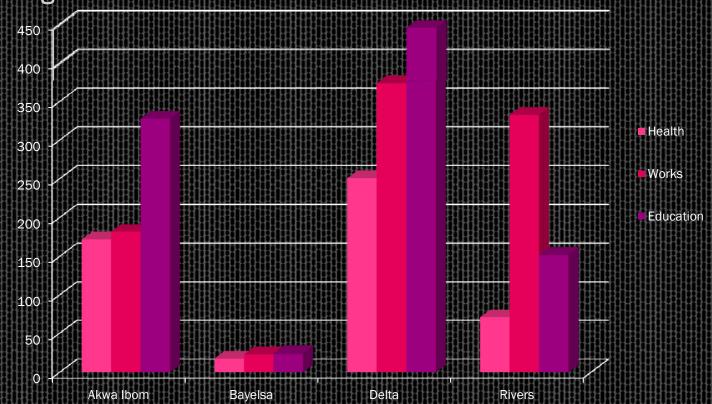


CHALLENCES AND KEY ISSUES (MIEKCHINCEDUPLICATIONS)





Distribution by Sectors of State Government Capital Projects for 2011 in the Niger Delta



ARE FIGURES TALLYING OR MEETING SECTORAL CHALLENGES?

- East West Road: Multiple variations over the years, which only Mr. President can explain. Also, in 2014, East West Road has N30 billion under SURE-P, with another over N20 Billion in MNDAs.
- What has other hundred of billions done for the East West Road? Even as the Minister has said over N100 Billion needed to complete the Road...
- Sure-P: N180 billion Federal Share: Where is SURE-P's Impact Evaluation Report? What about impact of SURE P on States and LGs component? Are CSOs/Stakeholders following up on the State/LG component of SURE-P?

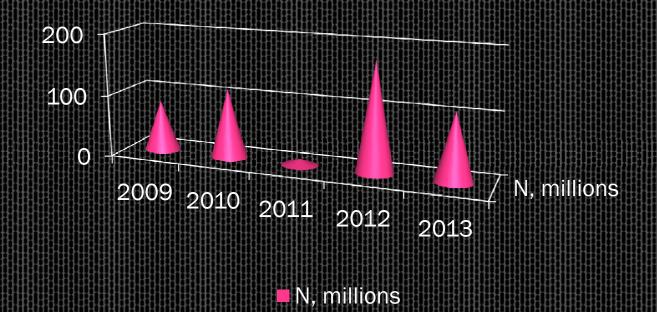
MEETING SECTORAL CHALLENGES CONT...

- Calabar-Ikom-Ogoja-Katsina Ala Road appeared under SURE-P in 2014 budget proposal for N5 billion. Curiously, what about Augmentation Contract No.5991 Awarded to Mssrs Niger Construction Limited On The 11th of November, 2012 for the Rehabilitation Of 23Km from Alesi to Iyamoyong In Obubra as addendum to the Rehabilitation Of Calabar-Ugep-Ogoja-Katsina Ala Road Section II: Ugep-Ikom-Ogoja-Katsina Ala for N8.7 billion with a completion period of 30 Months? Nigerians need explanations as to, which one is for what, if not the same project?
- And we should not be deceived! Any country globally, which cannot balance their national budget to tilt, at least, 70/30 or at worst.
 60/40 in capital vs recurrent is hoodwinking the masses.

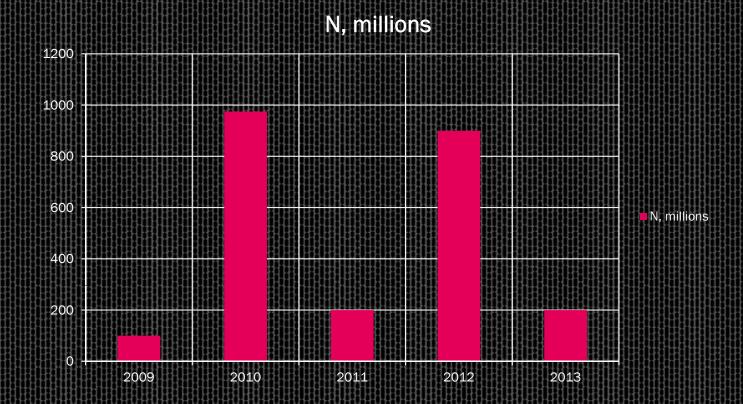
WHAT ARE THE FRIVOLITIES AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE FOR MINISTRY OF NIGER DELTA?

- Shoreline/Land Reclamation for Kurutie, Ikuru Town and Effiat, which has appeared in the MNDAs budget for some years now. In 2011, it was N10m. By 2012 was N411m and 2013, it was N53.1m and in 2014 proposed for N105m.
- This is the same Ikuru Town Shore Protection, which the Rivers State Government had enveloped in their budget few years past, but which the Niger Delta Basin and Rural Development Authority budgeted N8, 102,124 in 2011, even as Federal Ministry of Environment budgeted N41, 465,269 and the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs N10m for same (Ikuru Shoreline) location, in a lumped envelope (MNDA) for Ikuru Town (Rivers), Kurutie (Delta) and Effiat (Akwa Ibom) 2011.

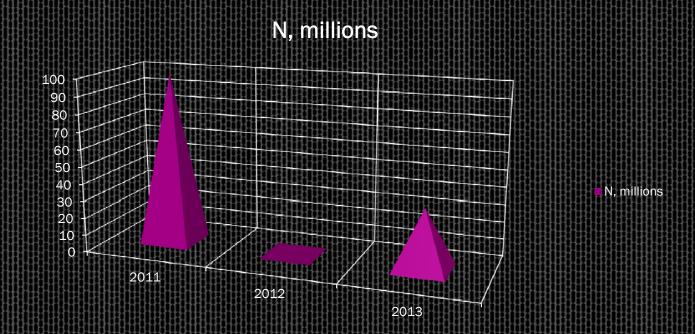
- Idumuje Unor Erosion Control Project in Delta State, with N51m proposed for 2014.
- Here are graphical details of allocations for this same project over the years.



- Omelema-Agada Road II with proposition for N200m in 2014.
- The graph below explains allocation(s) for this same project years past.

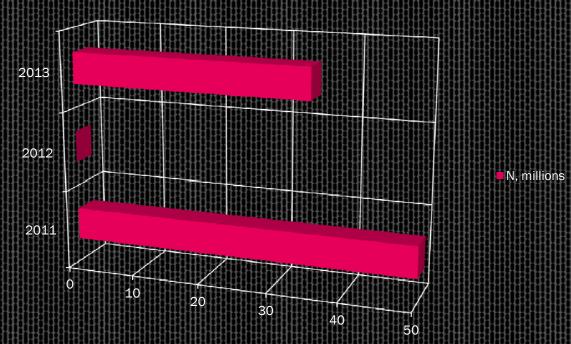


Otueke Water Project with N30m for 2014.

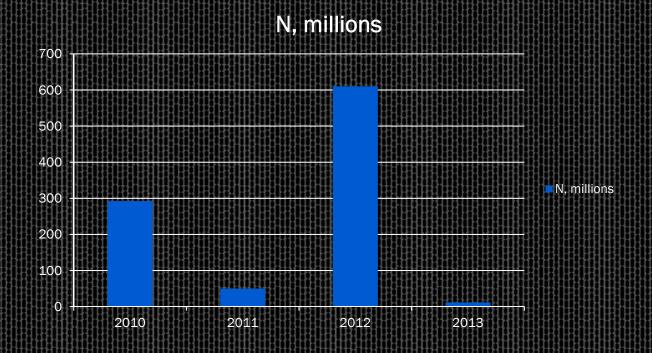


Water Project at Ibaa proposed at N30m 2014.

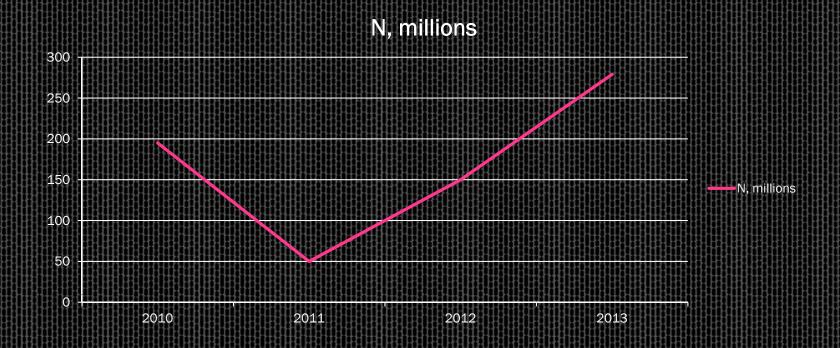




Owerri Urban Water Project with N100m for 2013.

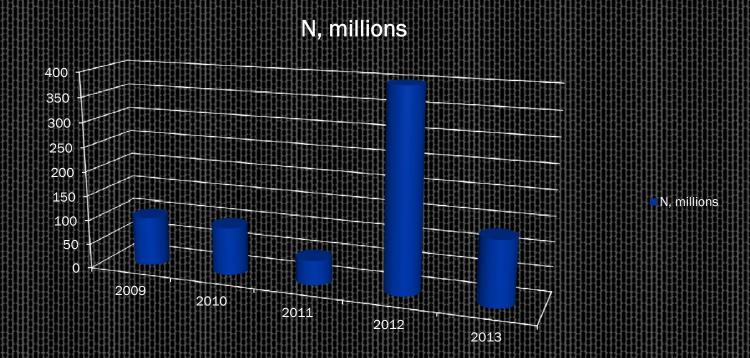


Idoro- Eaten-Itam Water Project, Akwa Ibom State for N150m 2014



WASTE CONT...

- Electricity Project in Erei, Cross River State (2009 -2013)
- N45m in 2014



CHAIN OF WASTAGES CONT...

Repetitive Water Projects of year after year with propositions for 2014:

- Eleme
- 💌 Ubane Utanga
- Ukparam
- 🗴 Bomadi
- Oyigbo
- × Etc

CHAIN OF WASTAGES CONT...

Jetties:

- \star Kaima
- Brass
- × Nembe
- 🗶 Amasoma
- 🗴 Bomadi
- × Patani
- × Etc
- All the above locations have Jetties in NDDC's Projects Budget 2011 and 2012.

CHAIN OF WASTAGES...

As in previous years, the following (intentional) systemic wastages keep re-appearing:

- Furniture Fittings N250m (2014)
- Peace and Security Sensitization Program N200m (2014)
- Community Enlightenment Campaign for Value Orientation N53m (2014)
- Monitoring and Evaluation N453m (2014)-VERY LAUGHABLE.
- Niger Delta Agricultural Programme N300m (2014)

CONCLUSION

- At a time that the National Assembly is struggling with the executive at unearthing the secret about poor budgetary implementation, NDEBUMOG hereby states that, it is a difficult task for another creature to survive under the water, where crocodile reigns supreme. A wise word!
- Except the quarterly releases to these Ministries become a public document, with the Ministries further compelled to publish (capital) projects which such releases are tied to quarterly, then redemption is far. As disruptive releases associated with project abandonments, variations, cancellations, litigations, warehousing, shadowed recycling and duplication would continue unabated. That is the painful truth and the Budget Office knows it... Moreover, the National Budget Bill (NBB) needs to be reintroduced to the National Assembly and be fast tracked. Laws are not the problem of Nigeria but implementation. In this case of the NBB, it is a fundamental necessity and urgent.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Dead End!



This Ministry is a drain pipe and should be scrapped immediately for not serving the purposes intended for by Late President Umaru: Musa Yar' Adua. Nigerians are already thinking the Niger Delta has too much, when in real sense, the region has nothing...(to show).

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Thanks for listening.