



COMMUNIQUE OF THE 13TH INCLUSIVE BUDGET TOWN HALL MEETING OF NIGER DELTA BUDGET MONITORING GROUP HELD ON 3RD OF JUNE, 2015 AT OMOKU CIVIC CENTRE (OMOKU), ONELGA, FOR OMOKU CLUSTER, RIVERS STATE

On June 3, 2015, the Niger Delta Budget Monitoring Group organised an Inclusive Budget Town Hall Meeting with support from Oxfam in Nigeria for Omoku Cluster in Rivers State comprising four local government areas namely, Ahoada East, Ahoada West, Abua and Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni, which were grouped into a cluster for the purpose of the inclusive budget advocacy project.

OBSERVATIONS

1. The proposed construction of market stores at Obagi, ONELGA, as contained in the 2013 Budget of the Rivers State Government was not carried out. This is captured in NDEBUMOG's Inclusive Budget Town Hall Meetings "Abridged Fact Sheet 2015", page 59, with chat Account Number 457000010259.
2. Road construction projects in Akabuka, Ohanga, Elehia-Ikiri, Egbada and Okansu communities in ONELGA were abandoned after bush clearing.
3. Although, the shore protection project at Ndoni was carried out, the job is below standard.
4. Projects executed in the sporting areas of the Federal College of Education (Technical) Omoku, have been abandoned.
5. It is, however, commendable that some projects for the Federal College of Education (Technical) Omoku, captured in the "Abridged Fact Sheet 2015" have been completed.

6. Omoku Cluster has been marginalized in budget considerations and allocation of projects by the state and federal governments.
7. Apart from the FCE (T), Omoku, there is no other federal presence in the area despite the huge oil revenue derived therefrom.
8. Omoku community is not consulted and accorded preference in budgetary considerations and allocation of projects by the government.

RESOLUTIONS

1. The project for the building of market stalls at Obagi and road construction projects at Akabuka, Ohanga, Elehia-Ikiri, Egbada and Okansu communities should be completed without delay.
2. It is hereby demanded that the shore protection work at Ndoni and the projects awarded for the sporting areas at the FCE (T) be revisited and reviewed for the benefit of the communities.
3. Government should include Omoku Cluster in budgetary considerations and distribution of development projects.
4. Omoku Cluster deserves more federal presence in terms of the provision of social amenities because of its contribution to the economic well-being of the federation.

Signed

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