

2021 Citizens' Accountability Report

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About the Citizens Accountability Report

A Citizens' Accountability Report (CAR) is a series of graphic and tabular illustrations of the contents of the Audited Financial Statements prepared by a government agency (State Audit office) on behalf of the government (Edo State) to the citizens to ensure accountability of public funds. This report details the government's performance in carrying out the duties assigned to it and the utilization of funds in the coffers of the government. This accountability report is based on the financial statements for the Financial Year (FY) 2021 and reports on State budget revenue and expenditure for 2021.

Explanation of Key Terms used in this Report:

- Budget unless otherwise stated, the budget refers to the Final Budget (i.e. the original budget, plus any adjustments that have been made via a supplementary budget / revised budget).
- Actual this is the actual amount of revenue collected or expenditure incurred over the course of the year.
- Variance for revenue items, this is calculated as Actual minus budget a negative variance for revenues and inflows means actuals fell below budget, and vice versa for a positive variance. For expenditure, variance is calculated as budget minus actual a negative variance for expenditures means actual expenditure was above budget, and vice versa.
- Performance this refers to the actual revenue / expenditure as a percentage of the budget. A performance of 100% means the full budgetary allocation was collected (revenue) or spent (expenditure). A performance of less than 100% means the full level of revenue collection or expenditure was not achieved. A performance of more than 100% means more revenue was collected than anticipated, or more money was spent than anticipated in the budget.

Executive Summary

The 2021 Budget of Edo State, with the theme "Making Edo Great Again (MEGA), was passed on the 29th December 2020 and budget implementation commenced on 1st January 2021. The Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 reflects the Governor's continual intent to Make Edo Great Again (MEGA) through promotion of social inclusion, economic empowerment for Edo citizens, through the deepening of investments in socio-economic, governance and security infrastructure; and through the implementation of initiatives that guarantee equal access to education, health care and social protection.

Some of the key goals and priorities of the 2021 budget includes; Human Capital Development through the transformation and enhancement of the Public Service, more investment in Basic Education and HealthCare; Urban / Regional Plans; Infrastructural development; Environmental Sustainability.

Aggregate revenue performance was 106.7% of the budgeted N178.9 billion in the final budget this is equivalent to N12 billion higher than the Budgeted – both Federation Account revenues and Internally generated revenue performed optimally. On the expenditure side, the actual total expenditure is about N179.8 billion (0.5%) more than the budgeted amount which was N178.9 billion.

At 88.8%, Capital Expenditure performed lowest of the aggregate expenditures. Much of the recurrent expenditure in 2021 was obligatory in nature so, based on the revenues, a major portion of capital expenditure was directed towards completing on-going projects. Very few new projects, with the exception of those that targeted COVID-19 responsive matters, were started.

Infrastructure and Physical Planning sectors enjoyed the highest proportion of total expenditure.

Some of the larger contracts were subject to delays due to weather and funding, and some amendments were made. Citizens projects were largely implemented as planned; albeit some minor carry over to 2022 as a result of funding short-falls.

The most material audit findings related to poor documentation and verification of source document.

Section 1 Budget Outturn

This section outlines the outturns of the main classifications of revenue and expenditure for the State.

The revenue outturn which shows the aggregate revenue performance is about 106%; thus about 6% above anticipated revenue in the 2021 Revised Budget, this is equivalent to N191 billion naira. The critical causes of deviation include Budget financing actuals of N38 billion as against N14.6 billion; actual FAAC Revenues of N98 billion against the Revised Budget figure of N81.6 billion, Aids and Grant of N6.5bn actual against the budgeted 5.4 and Internally generated revenue(IGR) of N38.6 billion against the N36 billion budgeted. In general, Aggregate variance amounted to N12 billion.

On the expenditure side, the actual total expenditure is about N179.8 billion (0.5%) less than the budgeted amount which was N178.8 billion. Out of the total Capital expenditure budget of N88.9 billion, the actual capital expenditure was N79.0 billion. This indicates that capital expenditure performed at 88.8%.

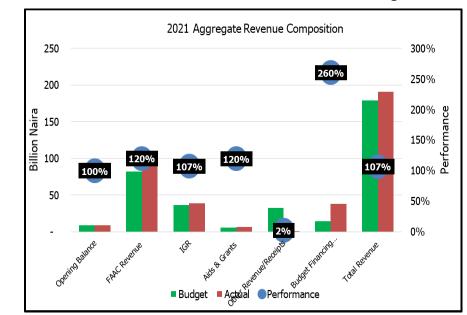
Observe that personnel expenditure (employees' salaries and wages) has fared better in term of outturn. This is due to a more realistic projection as well as the state government policy on reduction of payroll frauds. Conversely, the performance of other recurrent expenditure which includes overhead cost, grants, subsidies & subvention to parastatals was about 102% more than the budget target due to creation of new MDAs which increased the running cost for the state government.

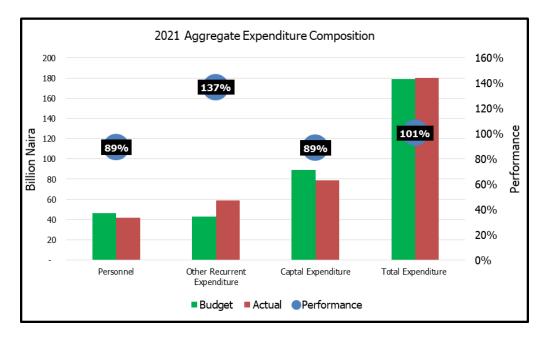
Table 1 Budget Outturn

| 2021 Aggregate Revenue Composition | 2021 Original Budget | 2021 Final Budget | 2021 Actual Amount | Variance* | Performance (%)* |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Opening Balance | 7,533,349,903 | 9,078,564,295 | 9,078,564,295 | - | 100.0% |
| FAAC Revenue | 81,647,194,695 | 81,647,194,695 | 98,028,117,668 | 16,380,922,973 | 120.1% |
| IGR | 36,041,812,364 | 36,041,812,364 | 38,668,864,425 | 2,627,052,061 | 107.3% |
| Aids & Grants | 9,800,000,000 | 5,400,000,000 | 6,459,267,190 | 1,059,267,190 | 119.6% |
| Other Revenue/Receipts | 13,750,000,000 | 32,119,590,491 | 681,691,694 | - 31,437,898,796 | 2.1% |
| Budget Financing (Loans) | 15,300,000,000 | 14,600,000,000 | 38,017,814,259 | 23,417,814,259 | 260.4% |
| Total Revenue | 164,072,356,962 | 178,887,161,845 | 190,934,319,532 | 12,047,157,687 | 106.7% |
| 2021 Expenditure Performance by Economic Type | | | | | |
| 2021 Aggregate Expenditure Composition | 2021 Original Budget | 2021 Final Budget | 2021 Actual Amount | Variance* | Performance (%)* |
| Personnel | 51,478,206,869 | 46,645,206,869 | 41,622,737,653 | 5,022,469,216 | 89.2% |
| Other Recurrent Expenditure | 46,898,699,840 | 43,257,000,000 | 59,138,157,003 | - 15,881,157,003 | 136.7% |
| Captal Expenditure | 65,695,450,254 | 88,984,954,976 | 79,021,356,471 | 9,963,598,504 | 88.8% |
| Total Expenditure | 164,072,356,962 | 178,887,161,845 | 179,782,251,128 | - 895,089,283 | 100.5% |

^{*} Variance and Performance is assessed against final budget. Negative Variance for Revenues items means revenue actuals were below budget. Negative variance for expenditure items means actuals were above budget.

Figure 1 Budget Outturn Graphs





Section 2 Revenue Outturn

This section outlines the approved and actual revenue generated internally by the State and disaggregated by sources. The section also outlines the revenue information from 10 performing revenue agencies in the State.

Table 2 below shows the approved and actual revenue generated internally by the State and disaggregated by sources while Table 3 outlines the revenue information from 10 performing revenue agencies in the State.

The state government has continued to spur the fiscal space in a manner that would enhance IGR growth. Consequently, various IGR drive initiatives have been implemented by the State. These efforts are expected to buffer revenue available for the execution of the annual budget and effective delivery of services to the citizens of the state.

The total IGR performance in the last completed fiscal year was 107%. The IGR has two broad categories, namely the Tax Revenue and Non-tax Revenue. The outturn for the tax and non-tax revenue was 90.8% and 142.7% respectively.

The critical source of Tax Revenue for Edo state include personal taxes which recorded 92.5% performance during the period under review. A key component of the personal taxes is the PAYE recorded the highest level of performance (91.3%) because it is generally deducted at source. As indicated in the Table 2 below, except for Capital Gains tax, lottery tax, licences general, rent on land and others general, fess general and rent on Government buildings, the actual realized fall short of the budgeted amount for all other revenue sources.

The State Internal Revenue Service which is the highest revenue generating institution of the state had a budget of N25.8 billion but N24.2 billion, equivalent to 93.8%. Strengthening the EIRS remains pivotal to the needed upscale in the revenue generation agenda of the state. Following the EIRS are the Ministry of Finance which had a final budget in the tune of N2.2 billion while the actual realized was N1.9 billion, representing 89.2% outturn; and the Ministry of Health with a performance of 95.8%.

The MDAs with the highest level of outturn include the Ministry of Education 2,478%, Ministry of Roads and Bridges approximately 288% and High Court of Justice197%.

This information is presented in Table 3 below.

Table 2 Revenue Outturn by Item

| IGR Items | 2021 Original Budget | 2021 Final Budget | 2021 Actual Amount | Variance* | Performance (%)* |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Tax Revenue | 24,600,754,512 | 24,600,754,512 | 22,343,516,625 | - 2,257,237,888 | 90.8% |
| Personal Taxes: | 21,368,754,512 | 21,368,754,512 | 19,760,193,422 | - 1,608,561,090 | 92.5% |
| Personal Income Tax (PAYE) | 16,985,000,000 | 16,985,000,000 | 15,500,022,915 | - 1,484,977,085 | 91.3% |
| Personnal Income Tax (Direct Assessment Taxes) | 1,919,704,512 | 1,919,704,512 | 1,412,039,235 | - 507,665,277 | 73.6% |
| Penalty For Offences & Interest | | | | - | |
| Other Personal Tax N.E.C | 2,464,050,000 | 2,464,050,000 | 2,848,131,272 | 384,081,272 | 115.6% |
| Other Taxes: | 3,232,000,000 | 3,232,000,000 | 2,583,323,202 | - 648,676,798 | 79.9% |
| Sales Tax | 390,000,000 | 390,000,000 | 400,800,970 | 10,800,970 | 102.8% |
| Lottery Tax/Licence | 30,000,000 | 30,000,000 | 143,472,303 | 113,472,303 | 478.2% |
| Property Tax | | | | - | |
| Capital Gain Taxes | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | 51,219,765 | 39,219,765 | 426.8% |
| Withholding Tax | 2,800,000,000 | 2,800,000,000 | 1,987,830,164 | - 812,169,836 | 71.0% |
| Other Taxes N.E.C | | | | - | |
| Non-Tax Revenue: | 11,441,057,852 | 11,441,057,852 | 16,325,347,801 | 4,884,289,949 | 142.7% |
| Licences General | 257,265,000 | 257,265,000 | 1,627,364,647 | 1,370,099,647 | 632.6% |
| Fees – General | 7,395,803,125 | 7,395,803,125 | 12,223,078,969 | 4,827,275,844 | 165.3% |
| Fines – General | 285,370,000 | 285,370,000 | 22,863,923 | - 262,506,077 | 8.0% |
| Sales – General | 549,611,375 | 549,611,375 | 116,983,305 | - 432,628,070 | 21.3% |
| Earnings – General | 532,566,000 | 532,566,000 | 104,674,221 | - 427,891,779 | 19.7% |
| Rent On Government Buildings – General | 160,005,347 | 160,005,347 | 214,165,593 | 54,160,246 | 133.8% |
| Rent on Land and Others – General | 36,000,000 | 36,000,000 | 1,250,000,000 | 1,214,000,000 | 3472.2% |
| Repayments | | | | - | |
| Investment Income | 2,170,237,005 | 2,170,237,005 | 650,141,821 | - 1,520,095,184 | 30.0% |
| Interest Earned | | | 9,485,693 | 9,485,693 | |
| Reimbursement | 54,200,000 | 54,200,000 | 2,358,972 | - 51,841,028 | 4.4% |
| Miscellaneous Income | | | 104,230,656 | 104,230,656 | |
| Independent Revenue (IGR) | 36,041,812,364 | 36,041,812,364 | 38,668,864,425 | 2,627,052,061 | 107.3% |

^{*} Variance and Performance is assessed against final budget. Negative Variance for Revenues items means revenue actuals were below budget.

Table 3 Revenue Outturn by MDA

| MDA | 2021 Approved Budget | 2021 Approved Budget | 2021 Actual Amount | Variance* | Performance (%)* |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | | | | | |
| EDO STATE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (EIRS) | 25,834,984,512 | 25,834,984,512 | 24,220,875,921 | - 1,614,108,591 | 93.8% |
| MINISTRY OF FINANCE | 2,170,237,005 | 2,170,237,005 | 1,935,899,062 | - 234,337,942 | 89.2% |
| HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT BOARD (HMB) | 720,000,000 | 720,000,000 | 689,534,684 | - 30,465,316 | 95.8% |
| MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND | | | | | |
| ORIENTATION | 301,890,000 | 301,890,000 | 50,205,625 | - 251,684,375 | 16.6% |
| MINISTRY OF ROADS & BRIDGES | 272,550,000 | 272,550,000 | 785,650,287 | 513,100,287 | 288.3% |
| LAND BUREAU/EDO GIS | 5,202,000,000 | 5,202,000,000 | 1,626,549,137 | - 3,575,450,863 | 31.3% |
| MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY | 297,600,000 | 297,600,000 | 430,649,524 | 133,049,524 | 144.7% |
| MIN. OF PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEV. | 343,905,300 | 343,905,300 | 635,535,905 | 291,630,605 | 184.8% |
| MINISTRY OF EDUCATION | 295,500,000 | 295,500,000 | 7,323,513,216 | 7,028,013,216 | 2478.3% |
| HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE | 180,000,000 | 180,000,000 | 355,653,701 | 175,653,701 | 197.6% |
| Other Revenue Collecting Agencies | 423,145,547 | 423,145,547 | 614,797,361 | 191,651,814 | 145.3% |
| Independent Revenue (IGR) | 36,041,812,364 | 36,041,812,364 | 38,668,864,425 | 2,627,052,061 | 107.3% |

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Section 3 Expenditure Outturn

Table 4 below looks at the expenditure outturn, how much expenditure was allocated to each main classification, and how much was actually spent.

Broadly, Capital Expenditure got N88.9 billion 49.7% of the total budget size of N178.9 billion while recurrent expenditure was allocated N89.9 billion, equivalent to 50.3% of the total budget size. The share of actual capital expenditure in the total expenditure of N179.8 billion was N79.0 billion representing 44% of total actual expenditure, while actual recurrent spending was allotted the remaining N100.8 billion which is (56%) approximately.

However, in terms of aggregate expenditure outturn, recurrent expenditure received about 12.1% more than its final budget size while the capital expenditure outturn was 88.8%, implying about 11.2% deviation or N9.9 billion less than the final capital budget size.

The breakdown of recurrent expenditure shows that when compared with other recurrent items, overheads received the highest share of N31.7 billion (17.7%); followed by public debt charges which got N27.4 billion 15.2% and then Salaries, wages and allowances which amounts to N25.1 billion (14%), while social benefits and social contribution received N14.8 billion (8.2%) and N1.6 billion (0.9%) respectively.

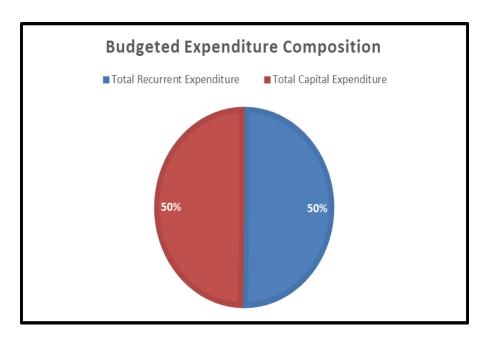
Clearly, with the exception of salaries, wages and allowances, grants and subsidies and social benefits which recorded 80.1%, 0 and 36.9% performance, all components of recurrent expenditure performed significantly more than the final budget size or had a 100% release (see Transfers in the table below). This over performance is due to the creation of new MDAs, and the unprecedented rise in most recurrent costs which was not envisaged during budget preparation. Interestingly, public debt charges received about 154% more than the budget target. This is in line with the state government resolve to clear backlog debt service charges, especially contractors' arrears.

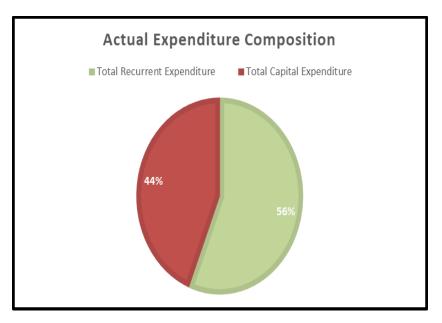
Table 4 Expenditure Outturn

| Expenditure | 2021 Final Budget | Budget Share (%) | 2021 Actual Amount | Actual Share (%) | Variance* | Performance (%)* |
|---|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Recurrent Expenditure: | | | | | | |
| Salaries, Wages and Allowances (inc. CRF) | 31,390,206,869 | 17.5% | 25,147,636,733 | 14.0% | 6,242,570,137 | 80.1% |
| Social Contribution | 4,455,000,000 | 2.5% | 1,643,327,493 | 0.9% | 2,811,672,507 | 36.9% |
| Social Benefits | 10,800,000,000 | 6.0% | 14,831,773,427 | 8.2% | - 4,031,773,427 | 137.3% |
| Overheads | 24,877,000,000 | 13.9% | 31,749,956,911 | 17.7% | - 6,872,956,911 | 127.6% |
| Grants and Subsidies | 700,000,000 | 0.4% | - | 0.0% | 700,000,000 | 0.0% |
| Public Debt Charges | 17,680,000,000 | 9.9% | 27,388,200,092 | 15.2% | - 9,708,200,092 | 154.9% |
| Transfers | - | 0.0% | - | 0.0% | - | |
| Total Recurrent Expenditure | 89,902,206,869 | 50.3% | 100,760,894,656 | 56.0% | - 10,858,687,787 | 112.1% |
| Total Capital Expenditure | 88,984,954,976 | 49.7% | 79,021,356,471 | 44.0% | 9,963,598,504 | 88.8% |
| Total Expenditure | 178,887,161,845 | 100.0% | 179,782,251,128 | 100.0% | - 895,089,283 | 100.5% |

Variance and Performance is assessed against final budget. Negative Variance for Revenues items means revenue actuals were below budget.

Figure 2 Expenditure Composition





Section 4 Audit Findings

This section outlines the findings from the Audit process on fiscal year budget implementation, including queries, unremitted funds, government property sales, etc.

A: RECURRENT EXPENDITURE PAYMENT VOUCHERS

The queried recurrent expenditure vouchers of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) were cases of absence of proper documentation such as receipts/Invoice, store receipts vouchers (SRV), Minutes of Approval etc

B: CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PAYMENT VOUCHERS

The queried capital expenditure payment vouchers of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) were cases of absence of invoice, Exco approval and Audit Certificate

C: SUMMARY OF QUERIED PAYMENT VOUCHERS

Forty-four (44) queries totalling =N= 8,277,412,246.36 as presented in table 5

D: ASSETS (PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT) REGISTER

The legacy Assets of the State have been valued by a consultant. Assets register is maintained for additional assets acquired

E: BILLS PAYABLE

No Findings

F: INVESTMENTS

The State has shares in forty-three (43) companies as reported by Ministry of finance. Six (6) of the Companies that are ailing have been delisted from the Stock Exchange. They are Bendel Feeds and Flour Mill, Edo Cement, Bendel Brewery, Ava Cement, Edo Transport Service (Edo Line) and Bendel Insurance Plc

G: AIDS AND GRANTS

No findings

H: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES ON BANK GUARANTEES AND

There were no bank guarantees outstanding during the fiscal year 2021

I: PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES

No findings

I: ADHERENCE TO PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

All procurement procedures were duly observed during the fiscal year 2021.

Table 5 Top Ten Audit Queries

| Details of Expenditure | No. of Queries | Nature of Queries | Amount Queried | Total Cash Expenditure | Percentage (%) |
|---|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Ministry of Roads and Bridges | 6 | Payment without supporting document | 5,858,420,671 | 15,897,304,606 | 36.9% |
| Ministry of Health | 5 | Payment without supporting document | 1,025,563,052 | 3,217,067,040 | 31.9% |
| Edo Geographic Information System | 5 | Payment without supporting document | 558,305,335 | 1,085,472,033 | 51.4% |
| Ministry of Physical Planning | 3 | Payment without supporting document | 482,029,228 | 1,070,000,000 | 45.0% |
| Ministry of Energy and Regulation Commission | 4 | Payment without supporting document | 187,976,409 | 2,232,625,250 | 8.4% |
| Ministry of Communication and Orientation | 2 | Payment without supporting document | 110,996,001 | 445,660,505 | 24.9% |
| Edo State House of Assembly | 3 | Payment without supporting document | 33,774,000 | 605,913,000 | 5.6% |
| Information Communication and Technology Agency | 1 | Payment without supporting document | 12,437,000 | 1,515,366,849 | 0.8% |
| Ministry of Water Resources | 10 | Payment without supporting document | 7,910,550 | 21,946,562 | 36.0% |
| Ministry of Youth and Social Mobilisation | 5 | Payment without supporting document | 7,497,000 | 39,869,250 | 18.8% |
| Total Number of Queries | 44 | | 8,277,412,246 | 26,091,355,845 | 31.7% |

Section 5 Audited Financial Statements

This section outlines a breakdown on the state's audited public expenditure and revenue for the fiscal year in review. The expenditure budget figures, consolidated revenue fund and audited cash flow statement based on the audited financial statement are represented here for citizens' understanding.

The tables provide a more detailed breakdown of revenues and expenditures in 2021. Some of the highlights are as follows:

- From the revenue point, 13% derivation performed more than budgeted as there was an increase in the returns from crude oil exploration; this is as a result of the global recovery from COVID-19.
- The State also performed optimally in Independent Non-Tax Revenues at 144%while the independent tax revenue performed at 90%. The State will continue to strengthen and aimed at improvement in IGR.
- There was an increase in Domestic grants as a result of the additional Disbursement Link Indicators (DLIs) introduced from State Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability (SFTAS).
- The government spent more on social benefits more than budgeted because of the need to provide more to the citizens as a result of the impact of COVID-19
- The State still recorded a surplus on operating activities at the end of 2021.

Table 6 Statement of Income and Expenditure

| ltem | Previous Actual (2020) | Originally Approved 2021 Budget | 2021 Supplementary Budget | 2021 Final Budget | 2021 Actuals | Variance* | Performance (%)* |
|---|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|
| Revenue: | | | | | | | |
| Opening Balance | 6,264,558,086 | 7,533,349,903 | 1,545,214,392 | 9,078,564,294.76 | 9,078,564,295 | - | 100.0% |
| Statutory Allocation | 31,147,734,735 | 36,883,392,191 | | 36,883,392,191.21 | 30,090,711,542 | - 6,792,680,649.18 | 81.6% |
| 13% Derivation | 13,121,996,566 | 12,016,743,643 | | 12,016,743,642.80 | 29,002,337,303 | 16,985,593,660.13 | 241.3% |
| State Government Share of VAT | 15,334,520,347 | 15,172,500,000 | | 15,172,500,000.00 | 22,377,438,648 | 7,204,938,648.47 | 147.5% |
| Other Federation Account Distributions | 8,892,518,346 | 17,574,558,861 | | 17,574,558,861.38 | 16,557,630,175 | - 1,016,928,686.44 | 94.2% |
| Independent Tax Revenue | 17,663,827,777 | 24,600,754,512 | | 24,600,754,512.12 | 22,200,044,321 | - 2,400,710,190.95 | 90.2% |
| Independent Non-Tax Revenue | 10,353,481,416 | 11,441,057,852 | | 11,441,057,851.88 | 16,468,820,104 | 5,027,762,252.30 | 143.9% |
| Foreign Grants | 11,099,437,568 | - | | - | 161,354,463 | 161,354,463.30 | |
| Domestic Grants | 858,233,903 | 9,800,000,000 | - 4,400,000,000 | 5,400,000,000.00 | 6,297,912,727 | 897,912,726.74 | 116.6% |
| Foreign Loans | | 10,300,000,000 | - 4,200,000,000 | 6,100,000,000.00 | 2,941,845,642 | - 3,158,154,358.33 | 48.2% |
| Domestic Loans | 20,000,000 | 5,000,000,000 | 3,500,000,000 | 8,500,000,000.00 | 35,075,968,617 | 26,575,968,617.19 | 412.7% |
| Other Revenues | | 13,750,000,000 | 18,369,590,491 | 32,119,590,490.82 | 681,691,694 | - 31,437,898,796.38 | 2.1% |
| Transfer from other Government Entities | | | | - | | - | |
| Total Revenue (a) | 114,756,308,742.95 | 164,072,356,962.38 | 14,814,804,882.59 | 178,887,161,844.97 | 190,934,319,531.82 | 12,047,157,686.85 | 106.7% |
| | | | | | | | |
| Expenditure: | | | | | | | |
| Salaries, Wages and Allowances | 26,981,461,590.25 | 36,005,000,000.00 | - 4,823,000,000.00 | 31,182,000,000.00 | 25,029,962,901.47 | 6,152,037,098.53 | 80.3% |
| CRF Charges (Salary) | 124,436,923.30 | 218,206,869.32 | - 10,000,000.00 | 208,206,869.32 | 117,673,831.27 | 90,533,038.05 | 56.5% |
| Social Contributions | 1,376,842,689.17 | 4,455,000,000.00 | - | 4,455,000,000.00 | 1,643,327,493.18 | 2,811,672,506.82 | 36.9% |
| Social Benefits | 10,053,165,639.41 | 10,800,000,000.00 | - | 10,800,000,000.00 | 14,831,773,427.12 | - 4,031,773,427.12 | 137.3% |
| Overheads | 20,086,196,015.68 | 21,063,000,000.00 | 3,814,000,000.00 | 24,877,000,000.00 | 31,749,956,911.49 | - 6,872,956,911.49 | 127.6% |
| Grants & Contributions | | 700,000,000.00 | - | 700,000,000.00 | | 700,000,000.00 | 0.0% |
| Public Debt Charges | 9,545,071,074.47 | 25,135,699,839.55 | - 7,455,699,839.55 | 17,680,000,000.00 | 27,388,200,091.79 | - 9,708,200,091.79 | 154.9% |
| Transfers | | | | - | | - | |
| Capital Expenditure | 43,537,853,964.70 | 65,695,450,253.51 | 23,289,504,722.14 | 88,984,954,975.65 | 79,021,356,471.20 | 9,963,598,504.45 | 88.8% |
| Total Expenditure (b) | 111,705,027,896.98 | 164,072,356,962.38 | 14,814,804,882.59 | 178,887,161,844.97 | 179,782,251,127.52 | - 895,089,282.55 | 100.5% |
| | | | | | | | |
| Surplus/Deficit from Operating Activities c = (a-b) | 3,051,280,845.97 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11,152,068,404.30 | 12,942,246,969.40 | ####################################### |
| Gains/Loss on Disposal of Asset | | | | - | | - | |
| Gain/Loss on Foreign Exchange Transaction | | | | - | | - | |
| Total Non-Operating Revenue/(Expenses) | 6,027,283,448.79 | | | - | 1,158,156,483.18 | 1,158,156,483.18 | |
| Surplus/(Deficit) from Ordinary Activities | 9,078,564,294.76 | | | - | 12,310,224,887.48 | 12,310,224,887.48 | |
| Net Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Period | 9,078,564,294.76 | | | - | 12,310,224,887.48 | 12,310,224,887.48 | |

^{*}Variance and Performance is assessed against final budget. Negative Variance for Revenues items means revenue actuals were below budget.

Table 7 Statement of Changes in Net Assets

| ltem | Accumulated Surplus | Available for sale Reserve | Total reserve |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Opening Balance as at 1 January 2021 | 341,178,703,848 | 107,035,744,677 | 448,214,448,524.69 |
| Actuarial Gains/(Losses) | | | - |
| Change in Fair Value Available-for -sale Financial Asse | - 2,830,014,848 | - 662,314,660 | - 3,492,329,508.33 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the period | 27,405,140,609 | | 27,405,140,609.25 |
| Balance as at 31 December 2021 | 365,753,829,608.73 | 106,373,430,016.88 | 472,127,259,625.61 |

Section 6 Top Sectoral Allocation

Tables 8, 9 and 10 outline the financial information on top Ministries, Department Agencies/Sector allocation and the actual expenditure from the implementation of the fiscal year budget.

Recurrent Expenditure - Presented in Table 8 is data on recurrent expenditure of top 10 high spend MDAs. It was observed that for all the sectors listed, actual expenditures were more than budget. The level of performance is 112.0% across all the MDAs/sectors. Office of the Governor and the Ministry of Education got the highest share of approximately 23% each.

Capital Expenditure – Table 9 presents capital expenditure of top high spend MDAs/sectors. The sectoral capital expenditure performance shows that 5 of the top allocated MDAs performed more than 100% while the remaining 5 performed below. As indicated in table 9, infrastructure got the highest actual expenditure which is about N22.2 billion or 28.1% of the total capital expenditure (N79 billion). Physical Planning and Urban Development received N9.7 billion, equivalent to 12.3%. However, Physical Planning and urban Development recorded the highest performance.

Total Expenditure – As indicated in Table 10 for the top highest spending MDAs/sectors, Infrastructure received the highest total actual expenditure which is about N 22.9 billion (20.7%) of the total actual expenditure N179.8 billion, followed by Directorate of Government House and protocol which got N15.1 billion (8.4%).

Table 8 Top Ten Recurrent Expenditure Sectors / MDAs

| MDA/Sectors | 2021 Final Budget | 2021 Actual Amount | Variance* | Performance (%)* | Sector Share in Total Budget | Sector Share in Total Actual Expenditure |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR/ADMIN SECTOR | 8,725,000,000 | 7,378,467,279 | 1,346,532,721 | 84.6% | 9.7% | 7.3% |
| MINISTRY OF EDUCATION/SOCIAL SECTOR | 161,000,000 | 7,292,706,021 | - 7,131,706,021 | 4529.6% | 0.2% | 7.2% |
| DEPT OF GOVT HOUSE & PROTOCOL | 3,800,000,000 | 5,664,694,268 | - 1,864,694,268 | 149.1% | 4.2% | 5.6% |
| EDO INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE | 1,800,000,000 | 2,169,733,023 | - 369,733,023 | 120.5% | 2.0% | 2.2% |
| EDO STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY | 1,890,000,000 | 1,184,676,800 | 705,323,200 | 62.7% | 2.1% | 1.2% |
| MINISTRY OF HEALTH | 264,000,000 | 1,173,024,318 | - 909,024,318 | 444.3% | 0.3% | 1.2% |
| OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR/ADMIN | 900,000,000 | 917,360,902 | - 17,360,902 | 101.9% | 1.0% | 0.9% |
| OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOV | 770,000,000 | 695,297,740 | 74,702,260 | 90.3% | 0.9% | 0.7% |
| MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE | 25,000,000 | 671,963,023 | - 646,963,023 | 2687.9% | 0.0% | 0.7% |
| OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL | 800,000,000 | 627,014,549 | 172,985,451 | 78.4% | 0.9% | 0.6% |
| Other MDA Expenditure | 70,849,954,976 | 72,985,956,733 | - 2,136,001,758 | 103.0% | 78.7% | 72.4% |
| Total (Except Other MDA Expenditure) | 19,135,000,000 | 27,774,937,923 | - 8,639,937,923 | 145.2% | 21.3% | 27.6% |
| Total Budgeted Expenditure | 89,984,954,976 | 100,760,894,656 | - 10,775,939,681 | 112.0% | | |

^{*}Variance and Performance is assessed against final budget. Negative Variance for Revenues items means revenue actuals were below budget.

Table 9 Top Ten Capital Expenditure Sectors / MDAs

| MDA/Sectors | 2021 Final Budget | 2021 Actual Amount | Variance* | Performance (%)* | Sector Share in Total Budget | Sector Share in Total Actual Expenditure |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE | 18,550,642,491 | 22,229,870,255 | - 3,679,227,764 | 119.8% | 20.8% | 28.1% |
| DIR. OF GOVT HOUSE & PROTOCOL | 10,947,404,799 | 9,400,124,546 | 1,547,280,253 | 85.9% | 12.3% | 11.9% |
| MIN. OF PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEV. | 1,070,000,000 | 9,731,779,753 | - 8,661,779,753 | 909.5% | 1.2% | 12.3% |
| SUBEB | 6,072,727,273 | 6,754,723,523 | - 681,996,250 | 111.2% | 6.8% | 8.5% |
| EDSOGPADEC | 4,500,000,000 | 5,263,240,058 | - 763,240,058 | 117.0% | 5.1% | 6.7% |
| MINISTRY OF HEALTH | 4,100,000,000 | 3,366,834,104 | 733,165,896 | 82.1% | 4.6% | 4.3% |
| COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOUR | 3,682,000,000 | 2,839,907,136 | 842,092,864 | 77.1% | 4.1% | 3.6% |
| MINISTRY OF ENERGY & ELECTRICITY | 2,500,000,000 | 2,265,949,025 | 234,050,975 | 90.6% | 2.8% | 2.9% |
| MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY | 2,035,000,000 | 2,217,669,659 | - 182,669,659 | 109.0% | 2.3% | 2.8% |
| EDO SEEFOR | 3,798,000,000 | 2,100,000,000 | 1,698,000,000 | 55.3% | 4.3% | 2.7% |
| Other MDA Expenditure | 31,729,180,413 | 12,851,258,412 | 18,877,922,000 | 40.5% | 35.7% | 16.3% |
| Total (Except Other MDA Expenditure) | 57,255,774,563 | 66,170,098,059 | - 8,914,323,496 | 115.6% | 64.3% | 83.7% |
| Total Budgeted Expenditure | 88,984,954,976 | 79,021,356,471 | 9,963,598,505 | 88.8% | | |

^{*}Variance and Performance is assessed against final budget. Negative Variance for Revenues items means revenue actuals were below budget.

Table 10 Top Ten Total Expenditure Sectors / MDAs

| MDA/Sectors | 2021 Final Budget | al Budget 2021 Actual Amount Va | | Performance (%)* | Sector Share in Total Budget | Sector Share in Total Actual Expenditure |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE | 18,575,642,491 | 22,901,833,278 | - 4,326,190,787 | 123.3% | 10.4% | 12.7% |
| DIR. OF GOVT HOUSE & PROTOCOL | 14,747,404,799 | 15,064,818,814 | - 317,414,015 | 102.2% | 8.2% | 8.4% |
| MIN. OF PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEV. | 1,140,000,000 | 9,774,899,453 | - 8,634,899,453 | 857.4% | 0.6% | 5.4% |
| OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR/ADMIN SECTOR | 8,725,000,000 | 7,629,936,263 | 1,095,063,737 | 87.4% | 4.9% | 4.2% |
| MINISTRY OF EDUCATION/SOCIAL SECTOR | 2,636,000,000 | 7,417,665,253 | - 4,781,665,253 | 281.4% | 1.5% | 4.1% |
| SUBEB | 6,117,727,273 | 6,772,919,183 | - 655,191,910 | 110.7% | 3.4% | 3.8% |
| EDSOGPADEC | 4,500,000,000 | 5,263,240,058 | - 763,240,058 | 117.0% | 2.5% | 2.9% |
| MINISTRY OF HEALTH | 4,364,000,000 | 4,539,858,422 | - 175,858,422 | 104.0% | 2.4% | 2.5% |
| COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOUR | 3,682,000,000 | 2,839,907,136 | 842,092,864 | 77.1% | 2.1% | 1.6% |
| EDO INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE | 3,000,000,000 | 3,005,482,522 | - 5,482,522 | 100.2% | 1.7% | 1.7% |
| Other MDA Expenditure | 111,399,387,282 | 94,571,690,746 | 16,827,696,536 | 84.9% | 62.3% | 52.6% |
| Total (Except Other MDA Expenditure) | 67,487,774,563 | 85,210,560,381 | - 17,722,785,818 | 126.3% | 37.7% | 47.4% |
| Total Budgeted Expenditure | 178,887,161,845 | 179,782,251,128 | - 895,089,283 | 100.5% | | |

^{*}Variance and Performance is assessed against final budget. Negative Variance for Revenues items means revenue actuals were below budget.

Figure 3 Top Ten Recurrent Expenditure Sectors / MDAs Graph

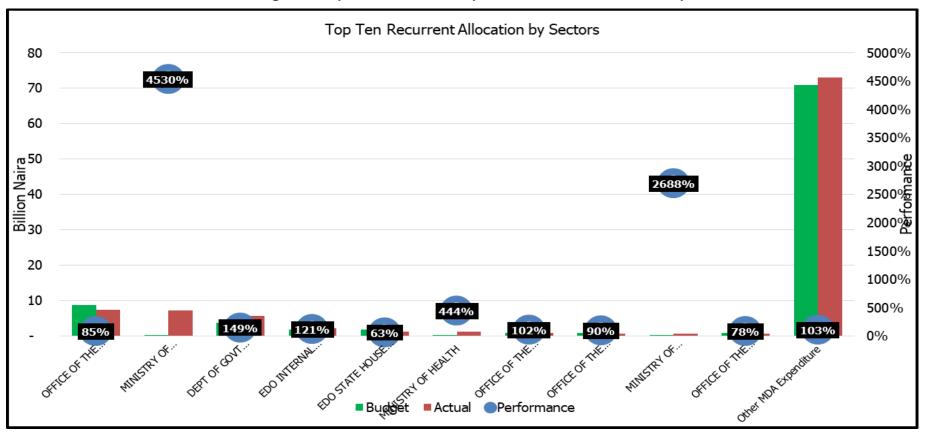


Figure 4 Top Ten Capital Expenditure Sectors / MDAs Graph

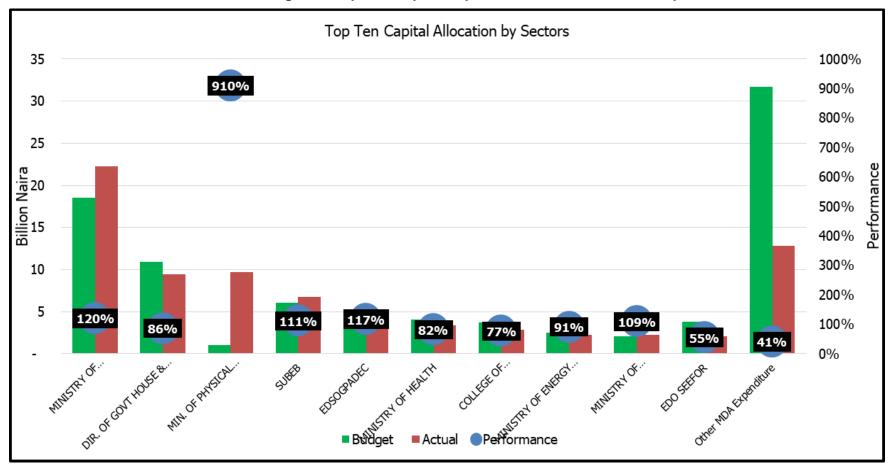
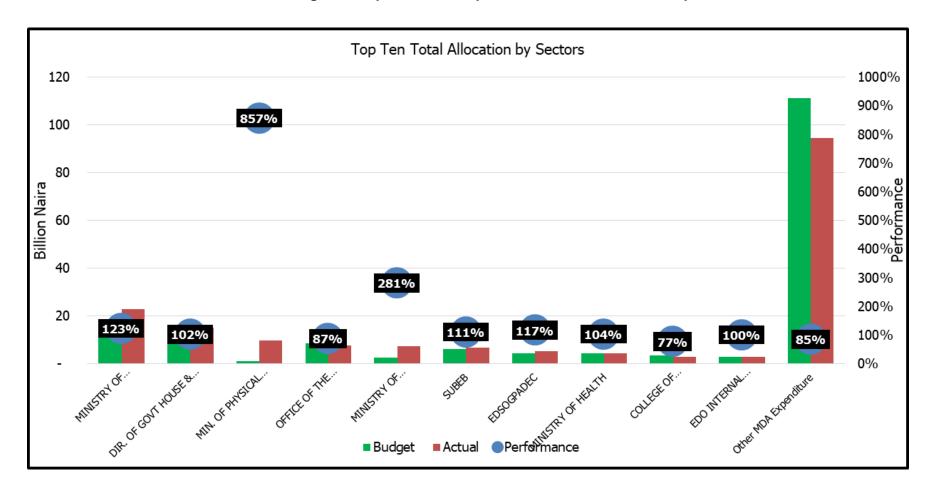


Figure 5 Top Ten Total Expenditure Sectors / MDAs Graph



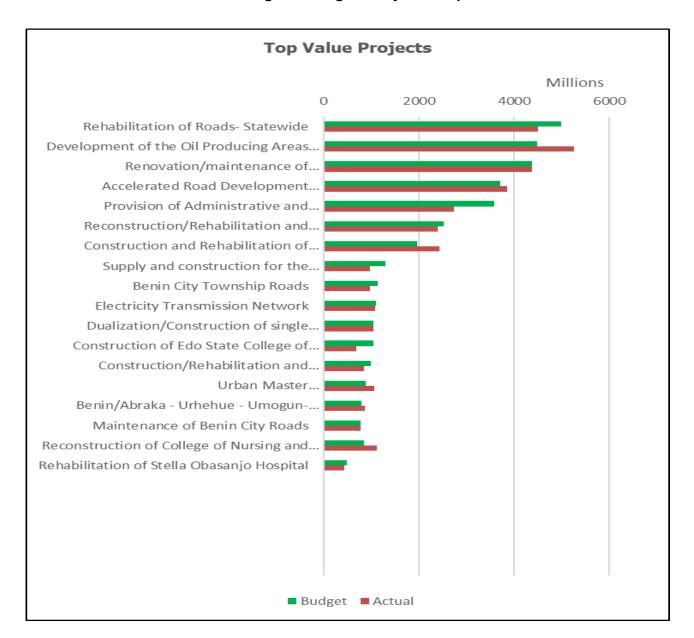
Section 7 Top Value Capital Projects

This section outlines information on the largest 15-20 capital projects included within the budget and the actual expenditure from the implementation of the fiscal year budget.

Table 11 Largest Projects

| Project | Project Location | Programme Code | MDA Responsible | 2021 Final Budget | 2021 Actual Amount | Variance* | Performance (%)* | Completion Status |
|---|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Rehabilitation of Roads-Statewide | Statewide | 01170004790101 | MINISTRY OF ROADS AN | 5,000,000,000 | 4,511,490,944 | 488,509,056 | 90.2% | Ongoing |
| Development of the Oil Producing Areas of Edo State | Edo South | 01100000600101 | OIL PRODUCING AREAD | 4,500,000,000 | 5,263,240,058 | - 763,240,058 | 117.0% | Ongoing |
| Renovation/maintenance of Administrative Buildings | Statewide | 01060000360101 | EDO STATE PUBLIC BUIL | 4,381,000,000 | 4,377,695,231 | 3,304,769 | 99.9% | Ongoing |
| Accelerated Road Development Programme (ARDP) | Statewide | 01170004780101 | STATE EMPLOYMENT EX | 3,720,000,000 | 3,864,244,268 | - 144,244,268 | 103.9% | Ongoing |
| Provision of Administrative and Academic Buildings, A | Statewide | 02010000690401 | MINISTRY OF AGRICULT | 3,600,000,000 | 2,742,887,137 | 857,112,863 | 76.2% | Ongoing |
| Reconstruction/Rehabilitation and Maintenance of road | Edo South | 01170001590101 | MINISTRY OF ROADS AN | 2,524,097,036 | 2,399,957,155 | 124,139,881 | 95.1% | Ongoing |
| Construction and Rehabilitation of Primary and JSS S | Statewide | 03050000690301 | STATE UNIVERSAL BASI | 1,972,727,273 | 2,435,138,372 | - 462,411,099 | 123.4% | Ongoing |
| Supply and construction for the implementation of the l | Oredo | 01140000540301 | MINISTRY OF ENERGY A | 1,300,000,000 | 986,414,650 | 313,585,350 | 75.9% | Ongoing |
| Benin City Township Roads | Edo south | 01170002270101 | MINISTRY OF ROADS AN | 1,150,000,000 | 975,703,246 | 174,296,754 | 84.8% | Ongoing |
| Electricity Transmission Network | Oredo | 01140000570301 | MINISTRY OF ENERGY A | 1,100,000,000 | 1,092,630,076 | 7,369,924 | 99.3% | Ongoing |
| Dualization/Construction of single carriage way of Eke | Edo South | 01170004430101 | MINISTRY OF ROADS AN | 1,050,000,000 | 1,052,173,619 | • | 100.0% | Ongoing |
| Construction of Edo State College of Education, Abudu | Edo South | 01060000760101 | EDO STATE PUBLIC BUI | 1,046,200,000 | 693,917,111 | 352,282,889 | 66.3% | Ongoing |
| Construction/Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Roads | Edo Central | 01170001000101 | MINISTRY OF ROADS AN | 1,000,000,000 | 863,164,700 | 136,835,300 | 86.3% | Ongoing |
| Urban Master Plan/Cadastral/Administrative Maps | | 01060000810101 | MINISTRY OF PHYSICAL | 900,000,000 | 1,069,511,608 | - 169,511,608 | 118.8% | Ongoing |
| Benin/Abraka - Urhehue - Umogun-Nokhua - Orogho - | Edo South | 01170001680101 | MINISTRY OF ROADS AN | 800,000,000 | 868,347,405 | - 68,347,405 | 108.5% | Ongoing |
| | Edo South | 01170002510101 | MINISTRY OF ROADS AN | | 779,732,219 | 267,781 | 100 001 | Ongoing |
| Reconstruction of College of Nursing and Midwifery, Bo | Edo South | 03040000290301 | MINISTRY OF HEALTH | 858,000,000 | 1,129,229,531 | - 271,229,531 | 131.6% | Ongoing |
| | Edo South | 03040000810301 | MINISTRY OF HEALTH | 500,000,000 | 436,471,701 | 63,528,299 | 87.3% | Ongoing |

Figure 6 Largest Projects Graph



Section 8 Citizen-Nominated Projects - Implementation Status Report

This section outlines the financial information on top Ministries, Department and Agencies/Sector allocations to projects nominated by the citizens and the actual expenditure from the implementation of the fiscal year budget.

Table 12 Citizens Nominated Projects

| Project | Project Location | MDA Responsible | 2021 Final Budget | 2021 Actual Budget | Variance* | Performance (%)* | Completion Status |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|
| lkiran-Oke - lkakumoh (13km) | Statewide | Ministry of Infrastructure | 150,000,000 | 312,088,092 | - 162,088,092 | 208.1% | Ongoing |
| Benin/Abraka - Urhehue - Umogun-Nokhua - Orogho - | Statewide | Ministry of Infrastructure | 800,000,000 | 868,347,405 | - 68,347,405 | 108.5% | Ongoing |
| Construction of Irhirhi-Aruogba-Obazagbon-Obagiene | Statewide | Ministry of Infrastructure | 400,000,000 | 400,000,000 | 0 | 100.0% | Ongoing |
| Construction of Obakhavbaye Street, Basimi Street, A | Statewide | Ministry of Infrastructure | 300,000,000 | 300,000,000 | | 100.0% | Ongoing |
| Textile MIL Road/lyoba Street/Other adjoining Roads/S | t Statewide | Ministry of Infrastructure | 700,000,000 | 1,365,216,609 | - 665,216,609 | 195.0% | Ongoing |
| Construction/Rehabilitation of Ugbor Road-Amagba Ro | Statewide | Ministry of Infrastructure | 450,000,000 | 900,896,210 | - 450,896,210 | 200.2% | Ongoing |
| Dualization/Construction of single carriage way of Eke | Statewide | Ministry of Infrastructure | 1,050,000,000 | 1,052,173,619 | - 2,173,619 | 100.2% | Ongoing |
| Agbede-Awain Road | Etsako West | Ministry of Infrastructure | 400,000,000 | 372,468,489 | 27,531,511 | 93.1% | Ongoing |
| Reactivation of Water Supply Schemes across the Sta | Statewide | Edo state Urban Water Coopera | 610,000,000 | 247,117,393 | 362,882,607 | 40.5% | Ongoing |

Section 9 Public Consultations with Citizens presenting the Annual Financial Statements

The FY 2021 Audited Annual Financial Statements for Edo State can be found on the State Government Website, at the following specific address: www.edostate.gov.ng/financials
Edo State Government published the Audited Annual Financial Statements on the 29th June 2022. Subsequently, one town hall consultation was held on Thursday 29th September, 2022 to present the Financial Statements.

Citizens comments were minuted and minutes of the meetings will be available at the above web address.

REPORT OF THE ONE-DAY PUBLIC CONSULTATIVE FORUM ON CITIZENS ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT FOR FY2021 HELD ON THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 IN SFTAS CONFERENCE ROOM 1ST FLOOR BLOCK D, BENINCITY.

1.0 INTRODUCTION:

The public consultative forum was organized by the office of the Accountant General in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, Budget, Economic Planning and Development and the office of the Auditor General, State on the Audited Financial statements 2021. The Audited Financial Statements for the FY 2021 was published on 29th June, 2022. This forum is geared towards obtaining feedback from the Citizens on how well the budget of the State performed and to deepen stakeholders' awareness of Government performance in carrying out the assigned duties in the last fiscal year 2021.

2.0 OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the meeting were to:

- i. Deepen stakeholders' awareness of Government performance in carrying out the assigned duties and the utilization of available funds.
- ii. To obtain feedback from the general public on the performance of Government in the fiscal year 2021.

3.0 OPENING

The meeting commenced at about 10:30am with an opening prayer by Mr Kingsley Tahir Momoh, Planning Officer; Ministry of Finance, Budget, Planning and Economic Development. Next was the introduction of guests. This was followed with a welcome remark by Mr. Eddy Idehen; Deputy Accountant General, office of the Accountant General, Edo State. In his address, he welcomed participants to the meeting, stated that the inputs of everyone is needed as we have not come for a debate but to reason and deliberate in the interest of the State and to share concerns based on expectations from the year 2021 budget. He thereafter declared the meeting opened on behalf of the Accountant General of the State.

4.0 ATTENDANCE

Participants were drawn from across the state, that is Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Business Owners, Media, Deputy Accountant General, Auditor General's Office, Staff of the Ministry of Finance, Budget, Economic Planning and Development and staff of the Accountant General's Office were present at the forum. A total of 51 (fifty-one) persons attended the meeting.

5.0 TECHNICAL SESSION

The Director, Final Accounts Department, Office of the Accountant General Mrs. Maureen Obarisiagbon, gave a presentation on the FY2021 financial statements of the state.

She started by saying that the Citizens Accountability Report was prepared to strengthen the transparency and accountability of government which help to achieve increased openness and citizens' engagement in the budget process', increase fiscal transparency and accountability, strengthen domestic revenue mobilization, increase efficiency in public expenditure and strengthen debt sustainability.

She also said as a state (Edo) who takes it as a priority to be transparent and accountable in all its dealings has done the needful by preparing the state financial statements for the fiscal year 2021, published it on the 29th June 2022, prepared the State Citizens Accountability Report for the fiscal year 2021 and then organized this forum.

The whole essence of the forum is to present to the public how well the state did in the implementation of the 2021 budget which you all were part of.

The focus areas of her presentation were as follows:

- i. **Revenue Outturn:** The revenue outturn shows the aggregate revenue performance of 106%; which is 6% above budgeted revenue.
- ii. **Expenditure Outturn:** Capital Expenditure got N88.9 billion 49.7% of the total budget size of N178.9 billion while recurrent expenditure was allocated N89.9 billion, equivalent to 50.3% of the total budget size. The expenditure outturn showed a performance of about 100%. Capital expenditure accounted for 44% while recurrent expenditure stood at 56% of the total Expenditure(Actual) of N179.8 billion.

Audit findings: some queries from Auditor General's Office were based on absence of proper and insufficient documentations like receipts/invoice, store receipts vouchers (SUV) etc

The Auditor general's report threw light on the following areas:

- a. Recurrent expenditure payment vouchers
- b. Capital expenditure payment vouchers
- c. Summary of queried payment vouchers
- d. Asset (Property, Plant and Equipment) Register
- e. Bills payables
- f. Investments
- g. Aids and Grants
- h. Performance guarantee
- i. Adherence to procurement procedures

iii. Audited Financial Statements

From the revenue point the State performed optimally in Statutory Allocations, internally generated revenue and other revenues at 106% which is 6% above the budget provision.

- iv. On the expenditure side the state performed at 100.5% as against the budgeted which was a result of the creation of new Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). The State still recorded a surplus on operating activities at the end of 2021.
- v. Top value capital project: This section showed the highest spend MDAs.
- vi. Citizens nominated projects: This section outlined the projects nominated by the citizens and the actual expenditure incurred during the fiscal year. This shows the implementation status of the projects nominated by the citizens.

6.0 QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS AND RESPONSES:

Delegates at the forum extensively deliberated on some key issues affecting the State. This was followed by responses from Government officials present at the meeting.

i. Merging of MDAs: A representative of Indomitable Youths Organizations (IYO), a Non-Governmental Organization; Dr. Bright Oniovokukor wanted to know what happened to the MDAs that were merged in terms of performance and delivery. For example, the Ministry of Transport was not captured in the top 10 income generating MDAs, that it was expected that this MDA should be among the top 10 because of what they see outside. He also stated that on the audit queries by the Auditor General's office on payment without proper

- documentation should not be. He recommended that there is need for the state to have a checklist of the requirements to be met before funds are released.
- ii. Girls' Power Initiative Representative: she wanted to know the plan the State has put in place to prevent a reoccurrence of lags in the 2022 audit report.
- iii. ANEEJ: Mr Adeleye of ANNEJ commended the state government for being open and Accountable; but advised that since this is an interministerial work, which all the MDAs involved should be present during this forum going forward so that issues raised relating to them will be addressed by them. He also expressed delight in the state budget performance and added that there is need to maintain the momentum subsequently.
 - He also recommended that the state Government should state in such report the reason for the negative variance as seen in other capital receipt whose performance was far below average at 21%.
- iv. CONGOS: Madam Abiola asked of the measures the State Government has put in place to monitor tax collections in order to block revenue collection leakages. She also stated that work on Agho Street was supposed to be ongoing; but nothing has been done, and wants to know how the State Government mapped out places for renovation. Again, how do you rewards performing MDAs she asked?
- v. INRECA: She asked why there was a surplus in the State Account as at 31st December 2021 when some areas lacked funding. She therefore advocated for the redirection of the surpluses to areas of needs.
- vi. SMILES AFRICA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION: He said most of the Primary Health Care Centres are not functioning optimally; and the surpluses should be utilized on health care.
- vii. One of the participants said during the presentation that there were lists of companies that the State invested in that are now delisted from the stock exchange, what is the state doing to ensure that these companies are revived and investing more in other companies?
- viii. Why is the increase in worker's salary not implemented across the state especially for the primary school teachers?

Response: The Director Final Account responded by saying that the surplus seen is the aggregated bank balances at the end of the FY 2021

these balances could be grants from donor agencies and others, it should be noted that funds from donor agencies met for a specific activity cannot be used for another purpose and some funds came in towards the end of the year hence the reason for the surplus.

The representative of the office of the Auditor General Mr. Wilson Anelu responded by saying that the reason for the Audit queries was usually as a result of the delays in submission of records by MDAs but that periodic audit: quarterly submission of the MDAs books of Account to the Office of the Auditor General State and subsequent engagement meeting have since been introduced to address these concerns.

Mr. Osahon, of the Ministry of Finance Responded to the question on investment that the State Government is taking the stock of its investment in companies, divest from companies that are not doing well (inactive) and direct such funds into investing in active and profitable companies. He also stated that the State Government just engaged a person who is vast in that area to always advice the State Government on investment opportunities and keep track records of the State Government Investments.

The head of Final Accounts responded that the increase in staff salary approved in the Month of May 2022 was implemented that same month.

7.0 KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are some of the recommendations reached at the forum:

- a. Dr. Bright Oniovokukor, opined the need for government to engage the Civil Society Organisations in the sensitization of indigenes and communities in the delivery of projects.
- b. Dr. Bright Oniovokukor, also suggested the need to put on display in all the Primary Health Care Centres services that are free and a call number for easy access, enquiries and complaints.
- c. Payment for offenses in cash by traffic offenders should be discouraged.

8.0 Conclusions:

Dr. Bright Oniovokukor thanked the OAG, MBEP and Audit for a robust forum. He further commended the Government for making the system open for the Citizens. He promised to always avail himself for future engagements with the Government.

The Deputy AG thanked all the participants once more for coming because their revealing contributions made the forum a great success; promising that all the recommendations will be aptly captured.

The meeting was brought to a close at 12:46pm with a closing prayer by Mrs Sandra Joseph Akowe of Drop of Change Initiative.

The undersigned are participants of the One (1) Day Public Consultation on Edo State Audited Financial Statement for FY2021.

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ATTENDACE

A ONE-DAY PUBLIC CONSULTATIVE FORUM ON CITIZENS ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT FOR FY2021

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