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A Brief Presentation on:

The Budget Process, Development Planning
and Policy Reforms in Jigawa State

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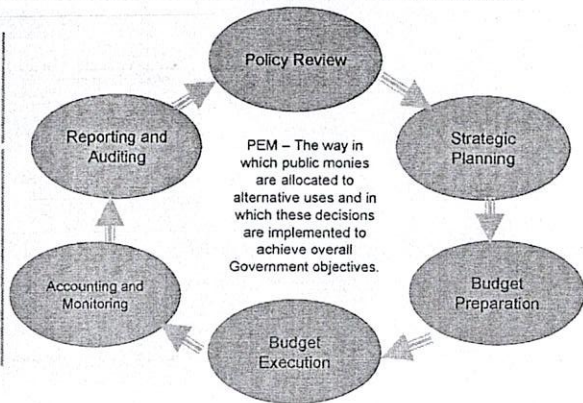
Introduction...

- The dictionary meaning of peer-review is "evaluation by experts" or "an assessment by people who are experts on the subject". Ordinarily, it is also perceived as an assessment of performance of each peer within a group;
- With this in mind therefore, my presentation will not be a lecture on the subject but rather a brief review of what obtains in Jigawa State backed by tendering of documentary evidences on the issues covered

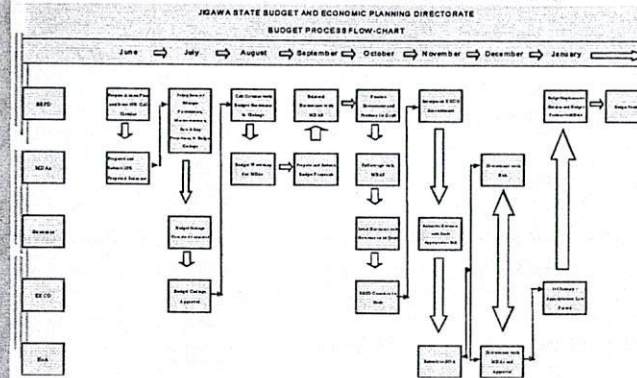
The annual budget process derives its backing directly from the Constitution Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 when Section 120 stated *inter alia*, that...

"... all revenues or other moneys raised or received by a State ... shall be paid into and form one Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State..." adding that "... no moneys shall be withdrawn from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State except to meet expenditure that is charged upon the Fund by this Constitution or where the issue of those moneys has been authorized by an Appropriation Law, Supplementary Appropriation Law..."

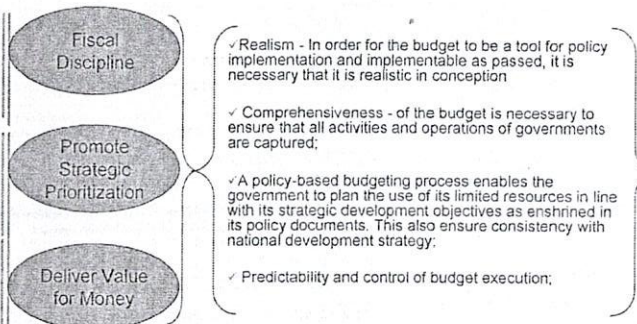
The Budget Process in Jigawa State largely follows that typical pattern of the Public Expenditure Management Budget Cycle...



The Budget Process Flow-chart



Objectives and Concerns in the Budget Process



Tools and Processes

- Budget Execution Profiles (Accountant General's Cash flow, Overhead Cost Disbursement Schedules and Capital Expenditure Quarterly Work plan;
- Budget Implementation Monitoring Committee (under Budget & Economic Planning Directorate) and Project Monitoring Committee under the Leadership of His Excellency, the Deputy Governor;
- The role of Due Process and Project Monitoring Bureau

Documentary Evidences on the Budget Process

- 2010 Budget Call Circular;
- Governor's Presentation of 2010 Appropriation Bill;
- 2010 Budget Implementation Circular
- 2009 First Quarter (Jan. – March) and Full Year (Jan. – Dec.) Budget Implementation Reports;

The Planning Process...

- As we have just seen, strategic prioritization and having a policy-based budget are key objectives in the budget process in Jigawa State;
- The key policy objectives together with the strategic policy targets and strategies that informed the budget process were a product on constructive stakeholder consultations, expert policy review and documentation process that resulted in the production of the Jigawa State Comprehensive Development Framework (CDF);
- Prior to the CDF, the Jigawa State Development Strategy Document (popularly known as SEEDS I) was the overarching policy document that informed the budget process;

An overview of the CDF

- The preamble of the CDF has succinctly captured its essence when it states inter-alia that Development efforts should never be left to chance, rather there must be a "conscious and deliberate efforts to influence behaviour and course of events; to harness and channel resources to productive usage; to initiate a positive change process that would ensure the workability of systems and processes; to deal with the persistent vicious cycle of poverty and above all put the society on the sustainable development path..."
- The CDF now represents the road map for the long-term sustainable development of the state;
- It defines the vision and mission of the state, the overarching policy objectives, targets and strategies, required reforms, etc

Overall Policy Objectives & Priorities as Stated in the CDF

- Human capital development - Qualitative and Functional Education; Effective, Efficient & Affordable Healthcare Services, Potable Water Supply and Improved Sanitation Services;
- Robust and Functional physical infrastructure particularly roads and transportation; power generation and distribution; and Information & Communication Technology (ICT);
- Agriculture & Environment - Food Security, Environmental Sustainability,
- Economic Empowerment and Poverty Reduction particularly for Youths & Women Empowerment Programmes;
- Administration and Institutional reforms that would continuously enhance processes and procedures for better and responsive service delivery.

The CDF Continues...

Typically, each of the sectors in the CDF (as a minimum) contains:

- Introduction,
- SWOT Analysis (strength, weakness, opportunities and threats),
- Policy Objectives, Targets
- and
- Strategies

An example from the Education Sector...

Primary Objectives

- Entrenchment of a modern and vibrant educational delivery system that contributes to the production of high quality manpower in the state
- Provision of quality education as the surest and fastest way to human capital formation: this is sine-qua-non for sustainable human development of the state.
- Promotion of Science and Technical Education
- Targeted intervention towards elimination of rural/urban and gender disparities in the provision of basic education.

Targets

- Access and Equity - Increase primary GER from current 55.5% to 75% by 2012; Reduce gender disparity in the enrolment of basic schools from 0.84 to 0.92 by 2012;
- Education Quality - Pupil to Teacher Ratio from 53:1 in 2009 to 50:1 by 2012; Average Pupil to Classroom Ratio from 93:1 in 2009 to 47:1 by 2011; Achieve school Completion Rates of 85% in primary education and 65% for junior secondary education by 2011; and Reduce the proportion of unqualified teachers by 40% 2012

Education Sector Strategy

- Strengthened education sector for planning and management;
- Compulsory and free education for all;
- Development of Educational Infrastructure;

Planning Tools, Processes and CDF Implementation

- The Annual Budgets
- Medium Term Expenditure Plans
- Establishment of Sector Planning Teams;
- Preparation of MTSS for the key sectors
- Preparation of Monitoring and Evaluation Framework with the Key Performance Indicators for each sector clearly identified;
- The Role of Statistical Database

Documentary Evidences on the Planning Process

- A copy of the CDF,
- Excerpts from the draft MTSS of the Education Sector;
- A sample MTEP
- M & E Framework of the CDF
- A copy of the latest edition of the Jigawa State Statistical Year Book

Ongoing Reforms

Key areas of ongoing reforms include:

- Due process and Public Procurement;
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Public Expenditure and Financial Management;
- Service Delivery Performance Improvement;
- Aid Management & Donor Coordination for Development Effectiveness;
- Re-branding of Jigawa State as part of the Societal Mobilization and Re-orientation recognised in the CDF;

Documentary Evidences on the Planning Process

- Laws No. 5 and 6 of 2008 (Jigawa State Economic Planning and Fiscal Responsibility Law and Jigawa State Public Procurement and Due Process Law);
- Evidence of Operation of Jigawa State Service Compact (SERVICOM);
- Evidence of ongoing PFM Reforms;

Conclusion

- As earlier pointed out, the presentation is only intended to give an insight into what the Budget and Planning Processes entails in Jigawa as well as some of the ongoing governance / institutional reforms;
- The panel of experts will now need to do further painstaking review of presented documents for more in-depth understanding of how far Jigawa State has gone in reforming its systems and processes in line with existing and known best practices;

End of Presentation

Thank you for listening.

BUDGET PROCESS FLOW-CHART

June → July → August → September → October → November → December → January →

