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MINUTES OF THE AKWA IBOM STATE COMMITTEE ON FOOD AND NUTRITION (SCFN) MEETING HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & IBOM DEEP SEAPORT (MED&IDSP), UYO ON TUESDAY 29TH JUNE, 2021.

1.0 Opening

The meeting commenced at 11:05am with an opening prayer by Mrs. Esther Ukpe.

2.0 Attendance

Ten members attended the meeting (See attendance list below).

3.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman/Permanent Secretary MED&IDSP, Mr. Effiong Ekpenyong in his remarks welcomed the stakeholders to the 1st meeting in the year. He apologized for the Committee's inability to come together due to the COVID-19 pandemic and paucity of funds as a major impediment.

4.0 Activity Reports

i. Finances

The Secretary, Pastor Victor Bassey informed the Committee that since the committee took over up till now, no money has come into the committee's account. He said the balance in the account is ₦2351.44.

ii. Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) Meeting/Scorecard on Nutrition

The Chairman said Akwa Ibom State reported exactly what was on ground with a very low score. According to him, the recommendations of the NGF for the Governor's are as follows:

- i. Implement the State Multi-sectoral Plan of Action;
- ii. Make the SCFN functional by approving and releasing the appropriated funds;
- iii. Approve six (6) months maternity leave with full pay for civil servants

The Chairman said another template for assessment has been sent for the state to report on and submit by 8th of July.

The Secretary mentioned some of the criteria used in the score card to include:

- i. Quarterly meeting chaired by the Chairman;
- ii. 75% of the quarterly funded for SCFN Work plan released;
- iii. Availability of Strategic Plan of Action and policy;
- iv. Commencement of Six (6) months maternity leave with pay;
- v. Availability of functional crèche in the state.

iii. National Nutrition Hero Awards

The Secretary intimated the Committee that the State was asked to nominate an individual and a group for the National Nutrition Hero Award. The Committee unanimously agreed that Her Excellency be nominated as the Hero on individual basis since she is the Nutrition Champion in the State. Harvest Plus was recommended for the group hero award.

Dr. Edna Akpan suggested that the Committee should have a courtesy call on Her Excellency and leverage on the opportunity to discuss Nutrition issues affecting the State with her. She also mentioned the upcoming Nutritious Food Fair scheduled for September in Ogun State and urged the Committee to plan to represent the State in the Food Fair. Also, that it was necessary to support two (2) Processors to represent Akwa Ibom at the Food and Exhibition Stand at the Food Fair.

iv. Brief on Nutrition Projects/Programs

The Permanent Secretary/Chairman inquired from the Program Manager (ANRiN) what efforts ANRiN is making to carry the Committee along in terms of financing some of its activities. The Program Manager in his response said he was able to secure a budget space for quarterly coordination meeting in the ANRiN work plan for last year but because of the pandemic, it could not come through. For this year, there is provision for two (2) activities for the Committee to implement, which is the State Nutrition

Forum Meeting and the State Nutrition Annual Review Meeting. The State Nutrition Forum Meeting is the Committee's meeting and will accommodate the PRS Officers who serve as Nutrition Desk Officers to take care of the nutrition budget in their ministries since there are no trained nutrition officers in the line ministries for now. He also suggested that the Launch and Dissemination of the State Policy and the Strategic Plan of Action may be accommodated in the 1st activity. He, however, also mentioned that the activities of ANRiN Project put on hold in the State at the Governor's order through the Hon Commissioner.

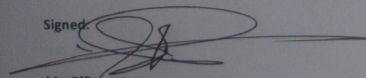
5.0 Closing

The Chairman commended the members of the Committee for turning up for the meeting despite the short notice. He said a meeting will be held before the Committee meets with Her Excellency. Closing Prayer was said by Mr. Idongesit Ekpo at 12:10pm.

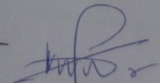
Attendance

SN	NAME	GENDER	DESIGNATION	MINISTRY / ORGANIZATION
1	Mr Effiong E. Ekpenyong	M	Chairman	Ministry of Econ Dev & Ibom Deep Seaports
2	Etido Bassey Edem	M	Member	Ministry of Women Affairs
3	Dr Edna A. Akpan	F	Member	Akwa Ibom State University/Harvest Plus Int'l
4	Awakessien, Ernest D	M	Member	Ministry of Agriculture
5	Dr. Raph Inyang	M	Member	SUBEB/Ministry of Education
6	Dr. Nkoyo B. Isong	F	Member	University of Uyo / Nutrition Society of Nigeria
7	Dr. Motilewa, O. O	M	Member	CS-SUNN
8	Mrs Esther Ukpe	F	Member	Ministry of Econ Dev & Ibom Deep Seaport
9	Mr. Idongesit Ekpo	M	Member	Ministry of Trade & Investment
10	Victor Bassey	M	Secretary	Ministry of Health

Signed:



Mr. Effiong E. Ekpenyong
Permanent Secretary/Chairman



Pastor Victor Bassey
Secretary