



2018 FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY PROJECTS TRACKING REPORT

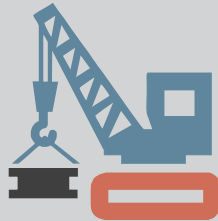
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About Tracka

Tracka is a platform designed by BudgIT to enable citizens follow up on budgetary capital expenditure and constituency projects in their respective communities – to enhance service delivery by all tiers of the Nigerian government. Tracka seeks to expand the community of active citizens across every literacy span and facilitate creative engagement, thereby sustaining a feedback loop between citizens and public institutions. Our primary goal is to stimulate the demand for Open Data in Nigeria's local communities, primarily through budget access and performance monitoring.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

According to recent reports, the government has in the past 10 years allocated a minimum of

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for constituency projects (note that funds have not been released for 2019 constituency projects at the time of this report).

Zonal Intervention Projects (popularly known as Constituency Projects) are public projects nominated by federal lawmakers to extend the dividends of democratic government to their various constituencies to spur development at the grassroots level of the country. The projects, by practice, are

recommended to the executive during the budgeting process.

Constitutionally, the National Assembly has the oversight obligation on government projects. Given the fact that these projects are nominated by lawmakers, they are

morally and even more officially responsible to provide their people with updates on every project domiciled (at least) in their constituency. This is because community members cannot easily access MDAs as they access their elected representatives.

Noting that no lawmaker has direct control over the implementation of projects aside from oversight function, legislators occupy a better position to monitor and proactively ensure the execution of every project by reaching out to agencies in charge. While financing and supervision of constituency projects are the best preserves of appropriate agencies (monitored by legislators), citizens and civil society organisations also have the right to engage both the Legislature and Executive to request details and implementation status of every project.

This idea of Constituency Projects started in 1999

during the tenure of President Olusegun Obasanjo when Nigeria newly returned to civilian rule. People were of the belief that such a venture would yield direct impact on the lives of the people, especially those in rural communities as it would bring governance closer to them. On the other hand, there was another school of thought that kicked against a situation in which members of the National Assembly would directly determine what projects come to their constituency in addition to influencing the would-be contactors.

Somehow, an agreement was reached among the parties concerned and that paved the way for an annual practice whereby the Federal Government set aside a considerably huge amount of money for the implementation of the projects through the Office of Special Adviser to the President on MDGs in agreement with the lawmakers. These projects, which are developmental and meant for the grassroots, are often introduced by lawmakers for implementation in their constituencies.

Findings revealed that as many as over 8000 of these projects are scattered across the country with the intention that, when completed, they would bring economic development and social mobility to Nigerians in every state. According to recent reports, the government has in the past 10 years allocated a minimum of N1 trillion for constituency projects (note that funds have not been released for 2019 constituency projects at the time of this report). But checking budget breakdowns, the result does not match the huge sum of money released to the respective MDAs for project execution.



Public funds must work for the good of the people

INTRODUCTION

Tracka was established by BudgIT to address critical issues surrounding social and economic development in Nigeria, specifically the lack of citizens inclusion in developmental projects, an ever increasing number of abandoned projects and poor execution of the few implemented ones.

The goal of this project is to open up public finances to the wider Nigerian populace, making them vanguards for service delivery and transparency. Tracka also aims to expand citizens' understanding of the budget, in particular on the contextual issues affecting them, to raise demand for citizen information about government budgets and budget implementation.

The Tracka model has been scaled up from an initial 20 states to 26 states. We now follow up with projects in Kogi, Ogun, Oyo, Kano, Edo, Delta, Sokoto, Kaduna, Niger, Gombe, Lagos, Ondo, Imo, Cross River, Ekiti, Osun, Kwara, Akwa Ibom, Kebbi, Enugu, Katsina, Adamawa, Nasarawa, Bayelsa, Anambra and FCT. To increase impact and promote inclusive development of the states, especially within the rural communities,

BudgIT engaged 30 more Tracking Officers to enhance the monitoring of implementation rates of all capital projects outlined in the budget.

The level of citizen-government engagement in Nigeria is significantly low due to the prior existing military system of government. A unique identifier of these autocratic regimes was a deliberate design to keep the populace in obscurity about data and acts of public governance. This culture is still inadvertently maintained as the populace has gotten used to decades of non-information and fear of the repercussions of demanding information.

One community, one project at a time, Tracka's influence is spreading through our focus communities. We have a presence in 586 local government areas across 26 states in Nigeria. We have tracked over 15,859 projects in 7,589 towns and organised over 7,612 town hall meetings across the country. With increasing appeal for this project, we plan to scale to all the 36 states of the federation

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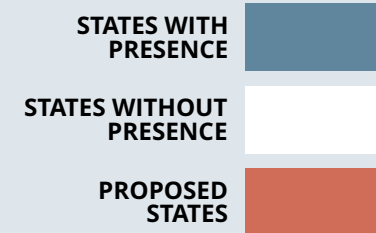
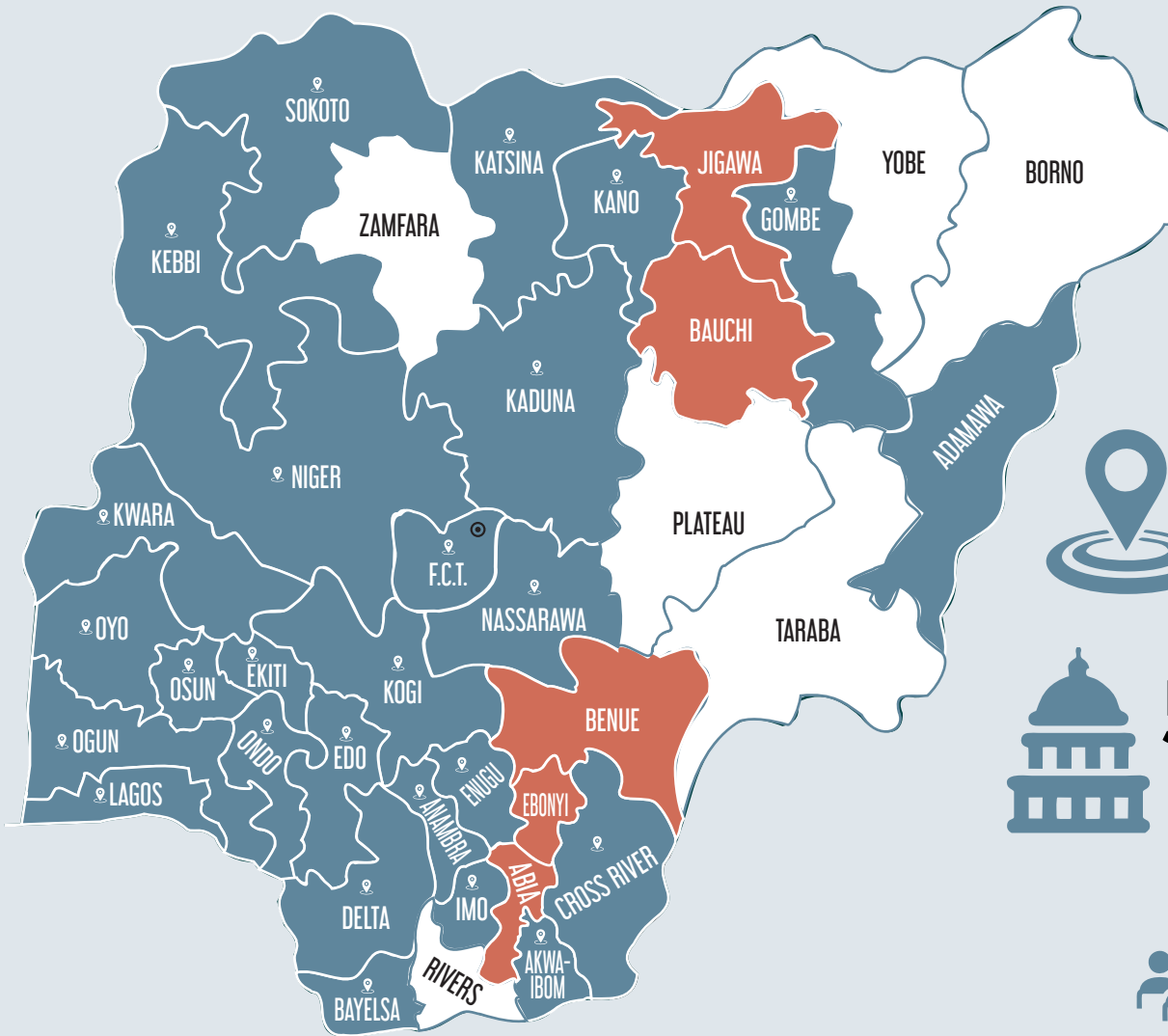
Now through collaboration with ICPC, over 200 abandoned and not implemented projects in the past budget work has commenced in the respective communities where these projects are supposed to be executed.

We continue to ensure that the budget transforms Nigerian lives through the execution of projects that directly impact communities. To make this a reality, we arm citizens with public information which they use to engage government by demanding accountability, improved service delivery and an equitable society for all.



TRACKA

The Journey So Far...



26
STATES



15,859
TOTAL PROJECTS
TRACKED



586
LGAs
REACHED



9,006
TOTAL COMMUNITIES
REACHED IMPACTED



7,612
TOWN HALL
MEETINGS HELD



2018 PROJECT SUMMARY



1497

TOTAL NUMBER
OF PROJECTS





Kebbi State

Construction of PHC at Junju Town in Birnin Kebbi LGA, Kebbi State

Cost: N20m

Status: COMPLETED BUT UNEQUIPPED

There has been little or no government presence in the community despite a budgetary allocation of N20 million naira for the construction of a Primary Health Centre. With about 3000-4000 inhabitants, Junju has no access to standard medical facilities. What happens if an epidemic breaks out in the community? One should laud the residents, as in the face of this critical challenge, they took it upon themselves to do the little they can in fixing the problem. On this, Amirul Junju said, "We tried to repair the decayed PHC but we don't have the resources to do so."

When our team held a community sensitization campaign at the community, residents were almost denying the existence of "government." Why not? The people had no idea of the supposed project much less of engaging any official on the execution - until seeing the evidence inside Tracka pamphlet. The project had been nominated (at N20 million) in the 2018 budget by Hon. Abdullahi Umar Farouk.

Tracka's goal is to see public funds work for the good of the people. In this light, we followed helped the community on a writing the legislator, followed up with calls aside from town hall meetings to elicit action on the project execution, worried that people travel far distance even during medical emergencies.

As at May 2019, the primary health care has been completed, but drugs and equipment were yet to be supplied.

CONSTRUCTION OF TWO HOSTEL AT FEDERAL UNIVERSITY BIRNIN KEBBI.

Cost: N150m

Status: NOT YET DONE

Tracka's first visit was on March 19, 2019. That was to the university, to track the hostel project. It was no

Total Number of Projects

62

Completed

44

Ongoing

0

Not Done

12

Abandoned

0

Unspecified Location

3

Not Tracked

3



work in progress while the school's Director of Works refused to say a word on the project. It was nominated by Senator Adamu Aliero of Kebbi Central Senatorial District at N150 million.

The team distributed tracka 2018 publication among students to spread the news about its inclusion in the 2018 budget. Responding, a student, under the condition of anonymity said, "there was no construction of any new hostel as constituency project in the university and the hostel is already overstretched." He further said that poor funding from government, and lack of project implementation are majorly responsible for accommodation problem on the campus.

It is important to note that the project would have been a great intervention to tackle the wilding accommodation challenge faced by the students.

Sadly, nothing is done. This has been the trend of public projects, not only in Kebbi State but the nation at large. We kept on wondering why legislators always blame the ministry when projects are not executed but take the glory when the opposite is the case. They are meant to ensure implementation.

In July 2019, The team still went back to monitor the progress of the project but discovered that it has not started.

CONSTRUCTION OF TWO (2) BLOCK OF CLASSROOMS IN AUGIE LGA, KEBBI NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OF KEBBI STATE

Cost: N10m

Status: COMPLETED NOT SATISFACTORY

The Tracka team engaged residents of Farin Dutse in Augie Local Government Area in Kebbi North Senatorial District where N10 million was budgeted for the construction of two blocks of classrooms in 2018 budget.

During our civic engagements, we discovered that most of the residents were not aware of the budgetary provisions. Tracka, therefore, held a town hall meeting with members of the community in May 2018 to fill the information gap. The classrooms were constructed but without chairs and toilet facilities. The residents pleaded with the contractor to build a toilet for the pupils but he refused to do that. He told them, "It's not part of my contract." This is why the staff and pupils have to continue seeking solace in the bush.

Going by the community feedback, it is clear that the lawmaker who nominated the projects did not carry out any need assessment nor involve them in any process. Many of the residents felt that the amount allocated to the project could have done much more than his what was nominated.

Indeed, representatives need to engage the communities in project decision making.



CONSTRUCTION OF TWO HOSTEL AT FEDERAL UNIVERSITY BIRNIN KEBBI.



CONSTRUCTION OF TWO (2) BLOCK OF CLASSROOMS IN AUGIE LGA, KEBBI NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OF KEBBI STATE



Imo State

PROJECT: REHABILITATION OF EKE-UKWU LORJI MARKET IN ABOH MBAISE LGA OF IMO STATE

COST: N10m

STATUS: COMPLETED

Indigenes and residents of Lorji Community in Aboh Mbaise Local Government Area of Imo State have lauded the rehabilitation of Eke-Ukwu market. Eke-Ukwu is the only market in Lorji community. The market had been in a dilapidated state that it could no longer host commercial business activities thus abandoned. The stalls were converted into storage spaces by welders and other artisans who stored their work machines in them. Respite came the way of the community in 2018 when the market was captured as part of federal government constituency projects at N10 million.

Following project allocation, Tracka team led by Imo State Tracking Officer, Smart Maduwuba, visited the community on December 7 for assessment and sensitisation. The team spoke with the leader of the community, H.R.H EZE S.N Ugorji, who reiterated that

the market, amongst other things, has been one of the pressing needs of the community. He expressed delight to know that Eke-Ukwu had been captured for rehabilitation, with money already allocated for it. He was particularly glad that they will finally see the government at work.

Tracka organized sensitization programmes and a Town Hall meeting with the community heads, rulers, indigenes and residents on the steps and procedures to engage their elected representative in the National Assembly, Honourable Bede Eke Uchenna. Sequel to that, letters were written to the aforementioned lawmaker.

Work commenced on the project in February 2019 and was completed the following month, March. The community head, chiefs and residents, thanked Tracka

Total Number of Projects	100
Completed	14
Ongoing	23
Not Done	12
Abandoned	0
Unspecified Location	51
Not Tracked	0

for the advocacy work most particularly in ensuring the information on constituency projects and budgetary allocations reach the grassroots. They were especially grateful for the civic education of locals in a rural community, saying it has helped them follow up on the Nigerian budget regarding benefits due to them.

PROJECT: COMPLETION OF MOTORISED BOREHOLE IN UMUOSI/UMUOKWU COMMUNITY, BOH MBAISE, LGA OF IMO STATE

COST: N8m

STATUS: NOT DONE

In Imo state, Indigenes of Umuosi/Umuokwu Lagwain Aboh Mbaise Local Government Area expressed displeasure over the N8m motorised borehole captured in the 2018 budget for their community. According to them, it is the least form of development project needed in the community since residents already have private borehole systems. The project was first captured in the 2017 budget year, but was not executed. Then it was, again, recaptured in the 2018 constituency projects. Yey, it has not been implemented.

During a community town hall meeting, the residents revealed that they considered the project as a misplaced priority. Indeed, there were serious infrastructural needs that begs for government action. Mr Amah Joseph, former assistant ward Leader in the community, said the community, rather, needs access roads and a functional power supply system. He further expressed sadness in the government's neglect of the

community as regards rural projects.

If the borehole project is executed, it will be the first and only constituency allocation the community would be benefiting from.

PROJECT: COMPLETION OF HEALTHCARE CENTRE AT UGIRI-IKE, IKEDURU LGA, IMO STATE

COST: N8m

STATUS: COMPLETED UNDER LOCK AND KEY

This project was first captured in the 2017 budget for (construction of health centre at Ugiri Ike in Ikeduru LGA, Imo State). for the sum of 31,000,000. During our community engagement in 2017, it was discovered that the health centre was one of the most important developmental projects needed in the community at the time.

The project started on a good, speedy note and almost to a finishing level. But it was discovered, during our project monitoring exercise, that work stopped. Later on in 2018 budget year, the project was again recaptured for the sum of N8 million.

As such, Tracka team revisited the community on November 13, 2019, to find that work has been completed, but, unfortunately, the PHC was under lock and key. To save the people from traveling miles in the name of medical treatment, this healthcare centre needs to be functional. It is the only medical edifice in the community.



REHABILITATION OF EKE-UKWU LORJI MARKET IN ABOH MBAISE LGA OF IMO STATE (3)



COMPLETION OF HEALTHCARE CENTRE AT UGIRI-IKE, IKEDURU LGA, IMO STATE (2)



Edo State

CONSTRUCTION OF IMOAFE STREET, AFUZE, OWN EAST/WEST FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, EDO STATE

COST: N20m

STATUS: COMPLETED

The team, our Project Tracking Officer and field officers, visited Afuze to track the N20 million allocated for the construction of Imoafen Street, Afuze, Owan East LGA. This road connects over 10 streets in the community and also is the major road that leads their farms. The construction of an access link road like this will definitely increase economic ties and improve living conditions of the people in the community.

Tracka shared the budget document with the community, sensitizing them on the 2018 federal government’s constituency projects, as allotted to them in the budget. We encouraged them to upscale the level of engagement with their elected officials. The road construction began in July 2018, and has been completed. However, it needs side drainage.

PROJECT: TRAINING AND WORKSHOP IN FISH PRODUCTION AND FEED MAKING FOR WOMEN AND YOUTHS IN EDO NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, EDO STATE

COST: N90m

STATUS: NOT DONE

We tracked the N90m allocated for training and workshop in fishing production and feed making for women/youth in Edo North Senatorial District. The location for this training could not be found in the whole six LGAs in Edo North. It is thus safe to conclude that projects such as this have no direct impact neither on the women nor youth of the senatorial district. In truth, this kind of this is highly prone to fraud, as disbursement remains at the discretion of officials.

Total Number of Projects	98
Completed	20
Ongoing	6
Not Done	54
Abandoned	0
Unspecified Location	13
Not Tracked	5

SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT FOR DIALYSIS CENTRE LABORATORY, AUCHI, EDO NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, EDO STATE

COST: N15m

STATUS: COMPLETED

In 2016, the sum of N34 million was allocated for the Construction of a Dialysis Centre at the General Hospital, Auchi, Etsako West LGA, Edo state. The project was not implemented that year. In 2017, the same project was recaptured in the budget for N105 million this time around for the supply of equipment which would be supplied unknowingly to the residents and kept at the Otaru of Auchi Palace when the building itself has not been constructed.

However, in 2018, the same project was nominated for another N15 million for equipment supply. This is even as the previous N105 million in 2017 was meant for the same purpose. The building construction work started in 2018 after tracka intervention and the health Centre has been completed in October 2019 but still under lock and key, awaiting official commissioning.



CONSTRUCTION OF IMOAFE STREET, AFUZE, OWN EAST/WEST FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, EDO STATE



SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT FOR DIALYSIS CENTRE LABORATORY, AUCHI, EDO NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, EDO STATE



Anambra State

CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR CLASSROOM BLOCKS WITH HEADMASTER OFFICE IN UMUOHI-OKIJA IIALA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, ANAMBRA STATE

COST: N8m

STATUS: COMPLETED

The indigenes and residents of Umuohi Okija Community, Ihiala Federal Constituency, Anambra State, have lauded the completion of this project—construction of four classroom blocks.

The school, the only government owned in the community, was included as part of 2018 Constituency Projects with a budget of N8 million. Tracka visited the community for the dual reason of project assessment and community sensitization. We organized a town hall meeting with the community heads, indigenes and residents on effective ways to engage the government and political actors.

Work started immediately on the project in June 2019 and was completed in August, the same year.

CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOM BLOCK, OFFICE AND TOILET AT OGWULUBE EBENEBE COMMUNITY, AWKA NORTH LGA ANAMBRA CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, ANAMBRA STATE.

COST: N15m

STATUS: ABANDONED

Members of Ogwulube Ebenebe community in Anambra State were in disbelief when they heard of the N15m classroom project at Eze Eke Primary School Umuohi-Okija. It was the first time they will hear of such constituency project.

The project was supposed to be a factual way to boost children's education in Ogwulube Ebenebe but has

Total Number of Projects

111

Completed

21

Ongoing

15

Not Done

12

Abandoned

5

Unspecified Location

32

Not Tracked

0

been abandoned, denying the children access to education. Even when funds were being disbursed, only skeleton building were constructed, which was later abandoned uncompleted.

Tracka has organized several sensitization programmes in the community to facilitate government engagement on the project.

FENCING OF THE PALACE OF IGWE AGULU ANAOCHA LGA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, ANAMBRA STATE

COST: N29m

STATUS: NOT DONE

The Igwe (king) and members of Agulu Anaocha Local Government Area of Anambra State are disappointed in the government over this project. We spoke with the Igwe, H.R.H INNOCENT E. OBODOAKOR. He stated emphatically that the fencing project was done by himself, not any government. Meanwhile, the project was included in the 2018 constituency projects.

Tracka, however, has continued to follow up on the project, taking actions to see justice done to the project. Besides, town hall meetings were conducted to spur developmental projects through better community-government engagement. The community needs real infrastructural projects.



FENCING OF THE PALACE OF IGWE AGULU ANAOCHA LGA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY ANAMBRA STATE.



CONSTRUCTION OF 4 CLASSROOM BLOCK,OFFICE AND TOILET OGWULUBE,EBENEBE COMMUNITY, AWKA NORTH LGA, ANAMBRA CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT.StatusAbandoned



CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR(4) CLASSROOM BLOCK WITH HEADMASTER'S OFFICE IN UMUOHI-OKIJA, IHIALA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY,ANAMBRA STATE.



Oyo State

PROJECT: COMPLETION OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT AT KALE TO BIRO TO OLOOYO IN SURULERE LGA, OYO STATE.

COST: N37m

STATUS: ABANDONED

During team visits to these communities in September 2018, we were able to sensitize them, especially at town hall meetings, on the federal government provisions which included the electrification project of Kale, Biro and Olooyo communities of Surulere LGA, Oyo State. The community leaders and residents were shocked to find out that this project has been allocated for about two consecutive years without any meaningful work carried out.

Despite the huge amount of money that has been allocated, the project was only completed in Olooyo while the community of Kale and Biro were left with no electricity. A recent visit to the communities in October 2019 confirms that the transformer supplied at Biro was not connected to any power source while only electric poles were erected in Kale, leaving the communities in stark darkness.

CONSTRUCTION/REHABILITATION OF CLASSROOMS IN OYO CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OYO STATE

COST: N50m

STATUS: ONGOING

Due to the non-specification of this project, several LGAs and communities in Oyo Central Senatorial District were engaged and sensitized on the said project, nominated by Senator Monsurat Sunmonu.

The project, construction/rehabilitation of classrooms in Oyo central senatorial district of Oyo state, was budgeted for N50 million. In spite of this huge amount, it was disheartening to find out that only one block of 5 classrooms was constructed at Airport community high school in Egbeda local government while other Local governments were left untouched.

Total Number of Projects	65
Completed	15
Ongoing	2
Not Done	42
Abandoned	3
Unspecified Location	3
Not Tracked	0

REHABILITATION AND FURNISHING OF BLOCKS OF CLASSROOMS IN ASABA, ODO OTIN OSUN CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OSUN STATE.

COST: N60M

STATUS: NOT DONE

Asaba is one of the villages in Oyan district Odo Otin local government area. A sensitization meeting was held there by Tracka in November 2018 to create awareness on the stated project, giving the community reasons to engage and demand accountability from their representative while following up the implementation process.

ASI/ASABA Community High School is in dilapidated condition. No roofs, no window, no door, no tables and chairs for both students and staff. Of a truth, learning is beyond difficult, resulting in the sharp decline in number of students.

At the time of writing this report, this project has not commenced despite the release of funds and several promises by the lawmaker not mentioning public efforts on engagement, the political system has failed to offer children of ASI/ASABA community a befitting learning environment.

SKILLS ACQUISITION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME ON PAINT PRODUCTION AND MARKETING FOR UNEMPLOYED PROGRAMME FOR YOUTHS IN IWO, AYEDIRE AND OLA-OLUWA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, OSUN STATE.

COST: N14.9m

STATUS: ABANDONED

This project was introduced in 2017. According to the communities, it started well in 2017 with the training of a few selected youth in the constituency who were awarded certificates in different enterprises upon six month duration of the training. However, the “business capital” promise made to the participants was not fulfilled. Till today, the participants have received nothing.

Meanwhile, Skills Acquisition Centre (named after the lawmaker) was later discovered, according to residents

Total
Number of
Projects

66

Completed

33

Ongoing

4

Not
Done

15

Abandoned

3

Unspecified
Location

9

Not
Tracked

2

of Igege community, Ola-Oluwa. This, they said, actually raised hopes in the constituency but unfortunately, the building has been abandoned since December 2018 with the training equipment warehoused in it.

As no one knows the reason behind this, members of these communities are sad that a project which was supposed to reduce youth unemployment has failed. All efforts by Tracka to rekindle their hope have proved abortive.

REHABILITATION AND FURNISHING OF BLOCKS OF CLASSROOMS IN FAJI ODO-OTIN LGA OSUN CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OSUN STATE.

COST: N50M

STATUS: COMPLETED

Tracka visited this community on several occasions to ensure project execution. Before its commencement, the team sensitized the community in December 2018 about the project, encouraging them to engage their representatives. That was done, enabling the project to commence in April 2019 with the rehabilitation of four blocks of classrooms, painted with new roofing sheets installed. Electrical appliances such as fan, bulb and socket fixed, ceiling, floor tiles were also changed. Although it took a while, tables and chairs were also supplied.

However, there was an act of sabotage by the contractor. The agreed quantity of chairs and tables were not supplied. In fact, it took Tracka advocacy the supplied ones to be fixed. By and large, the project has been completed and it has improved the learning environment for the students.



AMEERE SKILL ACQUISITION CENTRE



CHAIRS AND TABLES JUST FIXED IN FAJI COMMUNITY SCHOOL
ODO OTIN LGA OSUN STATE



Akwa Ibom State

EMPOWERMENT/SKILL ACQUISITION FOR YOUTHS AND WOMEN IN IKONO/ INI FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, AKWA IBOM STATE.

COST: N50m

STATUS: NOT STARTED

The empowerment and skill acquisition program for youths and women in these communities was captured in the budget, nominated by Hon. Iboru Ekanem. But as Tracka engaged the community, we discovered they are not aware of any empowerment program nor any project whatsoever in their locality. A visit to the communities reveals that no such project has been executed. Expressing dissatisfaction, the communities note that it is preferable they are consulted before any project is nominated on their behalf.

FOUR BLOCKS OF OPEN STORE AT OBO ANNANG MARKET - AKWA IBOM NORTH WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

COST: N80m

STATUS: ONGOING

The construction of four blocks of the open store was earmarked in the 2018 budget for Obo Annang

community in Essien udim LGA, Akwa Ibom State. Nominated by Sen. Godswill Akpabio, it was introduced to the community as a party-sponsored project – by the All Progressive Congress (APC) – leading to the exclusion of the Market Chairman and other community heads from the talks. Regardless, a visit to the project site shows that work is ongoing but at a slow pace. Tracka is worried that it might end up abandoned or not delivered on time should work continue at the same pace.

PROJECT: REHABILITATION OF EKE-UKWU LORJI MARKET IN ABOH MBAISE LGA OF IMO STATE

COST: N10m

STATUS: COMPLETED

The construction and completion of Ndon Town Hall in Mpat-Enin Local Government Area is applauded by the residents of the area, as it is going to be of great benefit

Total Number of Projects

53

Completed

0

Ongoing

8

Not Done

40

Abandoned

0

Unspecified Location

0

Not Tracked

5

to them. They have, in fact, expressed their gratitude to the government and their representative for initiating such a project in the area while ensuring it comes to fruition. To make that possible,

Tracka organized a series of town hall meetings and community engagements. We report that the project is completed and already in use by the community members. It was facilitated by Rt. Hon. Francis Uduyok.



**COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION OF NDON TOWN COMMUNITY HALL
NDON MPAT ENIN LGA AKWA IBOM STATE**



**FOUR BLOCKS OF OPEN STORE AT OBO ANNANG MARKET AKWA IBOM
NORTH WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**



Lagos State

CONSTRUCTION OF MINI FOOTBALL PITCH WITH SYNTHETIC GRASS, SEATS UNDER ROOFTOPS TOILETS, SOLAR LIGHT POLES, TRANSPARENT FENCING AT LOVE GARDEN WARD F3 IN SURULERE1 FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY

COST: N60m

STATUS: COMPLETED

This project, which will be of great benefit to the youths of the Surulere 1 constituency, has been completed and commissioned by the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu on the November, 2, 2019. This project was facilitated by the Speaker of the Federal House of Representative, Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila.

A visit to the project site reveals that the multi-million naira project is ready for use by the people of the constituency who have already shown appreciation to the lawmaker for facilitating the project to completion.

CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTER TYPE B WITH SOLAR POWER AND FENCING AT LUTHER STREET IN LAGOS ISLAND2 FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY.

COST: N45m

STATUS: ONGOING

This project, estimated to cost the sum of N45 million, was moved to Dolphin Estate Phase 2 at Adeniji Adele in Lagos Island due to the non-availability of land to host the project at the earlier proposed venue. A visit to the new site shows that work is ongoing but at a slow pace. If the rate of work continues at the same pace it is at the moment, the project might not be delivered on time. This project was facilitated by Hon Balogun Yakubu Abiodun.

Total Number of Projects	77
Completed	16
Ongoing	3
Not Done	54
Abandoned	0
Unspecified Location	3
Not Tracked	1

**PROVISION OF TOILET FACILITIES WITH
MOTORIZED BOREHOLES IN TWENTY
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL
WITHIN LAGOS CENTRAL SENATORIAL
DISTRICT**

COST: N220m

STATUS: NOT STARTED

This massive project, facilitated by Senator representing Lagos Central at the Senate, Senator Oluremi Tinubu, has immense benefits most especially for students. But unfortunately, not even a single foundation has been laid. We visited all the schools; nothing was on the ground. Neither contractors nor equipment.

We implore the government and all concerned parties to start the project execution since over 50% of fund meant for ZIP projects across the country has been released.



CONSTRUCTION OF MINI FOOTBALL PITCH WITH SYNTHETIC GRASS, SEATS UNDER ROOF TOP, TOILETS, SOLAR LIGHT POLES, TRANSPARENT FENCING AT LOVE GARDEN, WARD F3 IN SURULERE FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY



CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTER TYPE B WITH SOLAR POWER AND FENCING AT LUTHER STREET, LAGOS ISLANDII FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY



PROVISION OF TOILET FACILITIES WITH MOTORIZED BOREHOLES IN TWENTY PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITHIN LAGOS CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT.



**FREE MEDICAL OUTREACH TO BOMADI/
PATANI FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, DELTA
STATE**

COST: N35m

STATUS: NOT STARTED

In 2018 budget allocation, N35 million was earmarked for free medical treatment in Bomadi community. This project remains undone, leaving the health conditions of the residents of Bomadi to get worse. Meanwhile, the idea behind this project was to revive the already collapsed healthcare system in the Bomadi and neighbouring villages.

Tracka engaged the leaders and residents of the communities on the budget provision. We witnessed, first-hand, the dire need for quality healthcare facility. This is why, even though the medical outreach project is left undone, we refuse to give up. We have facilitated sensitization sessions with the indigenes on how to engage the project nominator, Hon. Nicholas Pondi, and that has been achieved.

A few months later, the community chief informed Tracka that he called Hon. Pondi again, he promised to supervise the implementation of the project so all and

sundry will benefit from the free medical treatment as earmarked in the budget. He also promised to renovate the collapsed healthcare system in his federal constituency. He further said the health centre wasn't fixed in the past years owing to the non-release of funds. In August 2019, we went back to the community to check work progress. Again, nothing is ongoing.

**CONSTRUCTION OF COMPREHENSIVE
HEALTH CARE CENTRE AT OKWAGBE IN
UGHELLI SOUTH L.G.A, DELTA STATE**

COST: N23m

STATUS: ONGOING

We visited Okwagbe in Ughelli federal constituency for a town hall meeting where members of the community were sensitized on public finance, government engagement, project monitoring vis a vis their rights to ask questions on allocated projects.

Total Number of Projects	54
Completed	27
Ongoing	1
Not Done	14
Abandoned	1
Unspecified Location	11
Not Tracked	0

The health care facility is a pressing one for this community, as their only health centre is dilapidated and nonfunctional. They travel 20-30 min drive to get access to health care services. Affirming how much the government is distrusted, the community leaders even preferred the renovation of the dilapidated health to the construction of a new facility that will take forever to become functional. In Tracka's effort to press on advocacy, the community was put through the processes to demand service delivery from the government and its representatives. We took the community through the process of engaging concerned authorities.

It is interesting that by the time Tracka would visit the community again, a couple of months ago, construction works have commenced on the site and is now ongoing.

CONSTRUCTION OF COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE CENTRE AT IMODJE-OROGUN IN UGHELLI NORTH L.G.A, DELTA STATE

COST: N23m

STATUS: COMPLETED, BUT UNDER LOCK AND KEY

In September 2018, Tracka Officer was at Imoje-Orogun community in Ughelli federal constituency for the first time to engage the community leaders and the rest of the populace for comprehensive civic education most particularly to inform them of the project allocated to their community.

Two weeks after the sensitization visit, a town hall meeting was scheduled to expound on the segments

discussed during sensitization; project processing, funds disbursement, follow up and implementation. We engaged members of the community in a town hall meeting on to the provisions of the budget. Letters were written to the lawmaker representing them in the National Assembly, Hon. representative, and the Ministry of Health, calling their attention to the project. This was critical to fast-tracking the project execution thereby solving the community's health challenges.

Tracka carried on serious advocacy and outreach to relevant government officials until we got a confirmation that the construction of the health facility has commenced. Months later, we visited the project site for inspection. It was already completed. While this is enchanting, the edifice is still locked up; there are no equipment yet. But the contractor assured a quick fix, as the project is designed in two phases.



OKWAGBE CONSTRUCTION OF COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE CENTRE AT OKWAGBE IN UGHELLI SOUTH L.G.A, DELTA STATE



IMODJE-OROGUN CONSTRUCTION OF COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE CENTRE AT IMODJE-OROGUN IN UGHELLI NORTH L.G.A, DELTA STATE



Kaduna State

CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTERS IN KADUNA CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, KADUNA STATE

COST: N40m

STATUS: COMPLETED

This project was executed in both Hayin Danmani and Hayin Mallam Bello under Rigasa ward but only Hayin Danmani is reportedly completed even though equipment are yet supplied for installation so the healthcare has not resumed full operation. The same project reappears in 2019 budget for another N35 Million "Completion/Additional Work at Hayin Danmani, Rigasa PHC and Supply of Hospital Equipment" while that of Hayin Mallam Bello, which is built on a waterlogged area left to be consumed by erosion, is simply abandoned.

The main healthcare building has been completed and fenced, but the doctors' quarter, security and generator houses as well as the supply of equipment are still undone. Work has been stopped since May 2019. Most disturbing fact about the project is that the edifice is swallowed by erosion during the rainy season.

The community head, Alhaji Kabiru Isah, admitted they had provided land for the project. On this, Tracka had a conversation with the Special Assistant to Senator Shehu Sani, the project facilitator, on the severe erosion that has taken over the healthcare. He revealed that plans had been made to make the healthcare centre a mini one with installation of little equipment while remaining funds will be used to build another one in Barnawa community. In reaction, the community head of Hayin Mallam Bello and Rigasa community youth leader condemned the planned diversion. Be that as it may, nothing seems to have been done presently.

Total Number of Projects	64
Completed	25
Ongoing	10
Not Done	21
Abandoned	0
Unspecified Location	8
Not Tracked	0

PROVISION OF SEWING MACHINE AND GRINDING MACHINE FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN KADUNA CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT KADUNA STATE:

COST: N50m

STATUS: COMPLETED

Tracka team was present at Kenfeli Hotel Barnawa Kaduna on July 1, 2019, where Senator Shehu Sani delivered these items to the beneficiaries—150 empowerment items: 50 grinding machines, 50 butterfly sewing machines and 50 pumping machines for modern farming.

At the empowerment programme, the Senator acknowledged Tracka's selfless commitment to good governance and national development. He admitted that Constituency Projects are not donations from any politician.

It is worthy of note that the empowerment materials were distributed according to the local government size. That is, Igabi, the largest local government in the zone, got 30 items, while Giwa, Birnin Gwari, Chikun, Kajuru, Kaduna North and Kaduna South local governments were respectively given 20 items each. The only concern, however, is that the beneficiaries were handpicked. We can say for a fact that the overwhelming majority are loyalists to the lawmaker.

COMPLETION OF PRIMARY HEALTHCARE CENTERS IN RIGACHIKUN, GIWA CHIKUN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PHC TYPE 1 AT BARNAWA KADUNA STATE

COST: N40m

STATUS: COMPLETED

The PHC at Chikun is built in Bagado community under Kamazo ward, Chikun local government. It has been completed (and functioning) prior to Tracka's visit. The matron, Mrs Paulina S. Jatau, who confirmed the completion and equipment installation, also affirmed that the healthcare has been in operation for a while. In spite of this reality, however, Tracka found that the PHC was still recaptured in the 2019 FG budget at N30 million tagged "Completion/Additional Work at Chikun PHC Kaduna Central Senatorial District Kaduna State." As for Rigachikun, the PHC is constructed at Gadani community but supplied equipment are yet to be installed.

In a response to Tracka's letter requesting project updates, Senator Shehu Sani claimed that the project was totally completed. Shockingly, the same project is recaptured in 2019 budget as "Completion/additional work of PHC in Rigachikun" for N30 million. Besides, another N40 million was provided in 2018 for the supply of hospital equipment in Rigachikun (Gadani) and Chikun. This is another demonstration of how public resources are wasted.



CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTERS IN KADUNA CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, KADUNA STATE



Niger State

ELECTRIFICATION OF KAWU COMMUNITY WITH I NO 300 KVA /33KV/0.45-VOLT SUB-STATION IN LAPAI LGA, NIGER STATE

COST: N14m

STATUS: COMPLETED

This completed project “Electrification Of Kawu Community With I No 300 Kva /33kv/0.45-Volt Sub-Station In Lapai LGA, Niger State” is one with life-changing impacts on Kawu, a community that lived in darkness for 30 years. For three decades, the community has only had to endure government’s consistent disappointment and failure. Today, the story has changed. Every home in Kawu now enjoys electricity power supply.

In August 2018, Tracka arrived Kawu for community sensitization and engagement on the power problem. Subsequently, letters were dispatched to various quarters of government. Thanks to Tracka's intense online campaign plus community efforts, the transformer was brought to the community in February 2019 while the installation and house-to-house wiring took place sometimes in July. The project was fully completed in September 2019. For Kawu, this is a

turning point that will go a long way in boosting its socio-economic life.

CONSTRUCTION OF 1 BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS AT LUKORO IN EDATI LGA, LAVUN, MOKWA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, NIGER STATE

COST: 11 MILLION (2017)

4 MILLION (2018)

STATUS: ONGOING

The first visit to this community was in September 2017, where we organized the first community sensitization. The project was outlined in 2017 budget cycles, but had happened since then till 2018.

Following Tracka's intervention, the community wrote a letter to their representative in the National Assembly in January 2018. The project commenced, as a result,

Total Number of Projects

64

Completed

24

Ongoing

3

Not Done

3

Abandoned

3

Unspecified Location

14

Not Tracked

17

sometimes in April 2018, getting up to lintel level following which it was reportedly abandoned. Tracka immediately stepped in by reaching out to the lawmaker who assured that the project would be resuming more funds are disbursed for that.

Work resumed in May 2019 but moved at a snail's pace. As it is, the roofing has been completed with the window and doors fixed. The plastering, as of the last visit October 2019., was still Ongoing. If the school project is completed, it will help in decongesting existing classrooms and even increase children's enrolment rate. The project is nominated by Hon Ahmed Abu.

**CONSTRUCTION OF DABBAN TOWN HALL,
LAVUN L.G.A LAVUN, EDATI, MOKWA
FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY**

COST: N5m

STATUS: ABANDONED

Tracka Team held a town hall meeting with the people of Dabban community in November 2018, after which a letter was sent to the lawmaker who nominated the project. The project commenced in March 2019, got to lintel level only for works to stop in July. Since then, nothing has been heard from the contractor while the lawmaker, Hon. Ahmed Abu, was unseated during the last electoral process.

The last visit to the site was in September 2019. Status: the project remains the same. Community members are afraid that project would be totally abandoned

despite 70% fund release for 2018 Constituency Projects.



**CONSTRUCTION OF DABBAN TOWN HALL, LAVUN L.G.A LAVUN, EDATI, MOKWA
FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY**



**CONSTRUCTION OF 1 BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS AT LUKORO IN EDATI LGA,
LAVUN, MOKWA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, NIGER STATE.**



Kwara State

EXPANSION OF NYSC CAMP CLINIC AND PROVISION OF DRUGS AT YIKPATTA NYSC CAMP CLINIC, KWARA STATE

COST: N60m

STATUS: COMPLETED

Our team held several community town-hall meetings with different communities in Edu Local Government Area, Kwara State, to sensitize the indigenes on this important project which would benefit them and other surrounding communities such as Tsaragi, Kpadanragi, Lafiaji, Bachita and Shonga.

Thanks to consistent engagement directed at both the project nominator, Sen. Mohammed Sha'aaba Lafiagi, and the executing agency (BCDA), the project finally started in March 2019 and by the end of August 2019, it has been completed.

COMPLETION OF WERU BRIDGE AND REHABILITATION OF APPROACHING ROAD IN MORO LGA OF KWARA NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

COST: N45m

STATUS: ABANDONED

Tracka has held several community town-hall meetings with different communities in Moro LGA, particularly residents of Omoniju village and surrounding communities including Omoniju-ile, Omoniju-Eleshin, Shao and Malete, to engage the people on this important project: bridge/road construction.

In spite of repeated advocacy and site visits, it is disheartening to note that this project has been abandoned despite its significance to the economy of the community in particular and the state in general.

Total Number of Projects	52
Completed	13
Ongoing	5
Not Done	30
Abandoned	4
Unspecified Location	0
Not Tracked	0

For clarity sake, the bridge is on an important trade route not just within the senatorial district but with border towns of other West African countries.

SUPPLY OF LIBRARY BOOKS FOR A.P.U (AHMAN PATEGI UNIVERSITY) OF EDU/MORO/PATEGI FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, KWARA STATE

COST: N34m

STATUS: NOT DONE

In Patigi community and several surrounding communities like Lade, Lafiaji, Gbugbu, Lallagi, Bachita, Shonga, Shao and Maleta, Tracka held several community town-hall meetings with different communities under Edu/Moro/Pategi Federal Constituency to sensitize the citizens on the above education project. While these meetings were successful, efforts to get updates from the lawmaker and the executing agency proved abortive. Not only that the lawmaker and the agency keep a deafening silence, access has also been denied into the campus to ascertain if truly public funds have been expended in equipping the library.



COMPLETION OF WERU BRIDGE AND REHABILITATION OF APPROACHING ROAD IN MORO LGA OF KWARA NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT



EXPANSION OF NYSC CAMP CLINIC AND PROVISION OF DRUGS AT YIKPATTA NYSC CAMP CLINIC, KWARA STATE



Kano State

CONSTRUCTION OF COTTAGE HOSPITAL AND SUPPLY OF MODERN MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS AT DADIN KOWA, DOGUWA LOCAL GOVERNMENT KANO STATE

COST: N120m

STATUS: ONGOING

This project was nominated and recaptured three times in 2016 (N72m), 2017 (N130m) and 2018 (N120m), yet it is abandoned.

When Tracka officials attempted to engage the residents, they were attacked by thugs reportedly working for the lawmaker who nominated the project. The incident, in fact, left many cars and houses vandalized. It is essential to reiterate that the project "Construction of Cottage Hospital and Supply of Modern Medical Equipments at Dadin kowa, Doguwa LGA, Kano state" remains abandoned since 2016 despite a cumulative N322m budget.

CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOM BLOCKS AT GWARZO/KABO FED CONSTITUENCY, KANO STATE

COST: N30m

STATUS: NOT STARTED

This project was captured first in 2017 at N23 million and second in 2018 N30 million.

A lot of advocacy efforts (both community sensitization and government engagement) went into tracking this project. Sadly, the story is different in the 2018 project. Community members, during our last meeting, expressed their fear that the project fund might be embezzled.

Total Number of Projects	61
Completed	4
Ongoing	1
Not Done	35
Abandoned	2
Unspecified Location	5
Not Tracked	14

**REHABILITATION OF CHIROMAWA IDI
PRIMARY SCHOOL, GARUN MALAM LGA,
3 CLASSROOM BLOCK, GOVT. GIRLS SEC SCH.
TANAWA, KURA LGA, KANO STATE**

COST: N20m

STATUS: COMPLETED

In May 2019, Tracka team visited Chiromawa Idi to educate the residents on the budget provision for the rehabilitation of this primary school, as captured in 2018 federal constituency projects. This motivated the community to take ownership and engage officials in charge to ensure timely completion of the project.

A month after the sensitization meeting (June 2019), it was confirmed that the project has started. Then the team made another visit to monitor the progress of the ongoing work. Subsequently, the project was completed and handed over to the community.

From crowded tattered classrooms, teaching and learning activities now take place in a good atmosphere. Needless to say that the team consistent engagements with community members have created sufficient awareness which was indeed a motivational factor that has engineered them to demand transparency and accountability from their elected representative.



**CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOM BLOCKS AT GWARZO-KABO
FED CONSTITUENCY, KANO STATE**



**CONSTRUCTION OF COTTAGE HOSPITAL AND SUPPLY OF MODERN MEDICAL
EQUIPMENTS AT DADIN KOWA, DOGUWA LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
KANO STATE.**



Ondo State

CONSTRUCTION OF A BLOCK OF 3 CLASSROOMS AT BOLORUNDURO IN AKURE NORTH, AKURE NORTH/SOUTH FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, ONDO STATE

COST: N24m

STATUS: COMPLETED WITHOUT CHAIRS/TABLES

In June 2018, Tracka visited this project site in Bolorunduro, Akure North. Although it has been executed, the job is not satisfactory. A block of three classrooms was completed but not a single chair or table was put in those classrooms. Residents lament that having to fix that by themselves is a huge financial burden.

As it is, the only hope is that the government will rise to action, as Tracka will not cease to push for the completion of this project.

BUILDING FOR THE FACULTY OF CLINICAL SCIENCES (UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES ONDO WEST LGA IN ONDO STATE

COST: N70m

STATUS: UNDER CONSTRUCTION / ABANDONED

From the people of Ondo to the school authority to the entire students of the University of Medical Sciences, everyone is agitated that this project is still at foundation level, despite the fact that 70% of the budget for 2018 constituency projects has been released by the federal government.

On November 19, 2019, Tracka went back to visit the site. It was discovered that the project has been taken from the initial location to another one. When the Director of Physical Planning of UNIMED was

Total Number of Projects	49
Completed	38
Ongoing	7
Not Done	3
Abandoned	0
Unspecified Location	1
Not Tracked	0

interrogated, he said the change of location was due to the approved plan of the school. Besides, we discovered that the PRODA Agency (under the Ministry of Science & Technology) in charge of the project has no office in Ondo; even the contractor was not on the site as at November.

COMPLETION OF AKURE CIVIC AND OUTREACH CENTER IN AKURE, AKURE NORTH/SOUTH, AKURE FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, ONDO STATE

COST: N50m

STATUS: UNCOMPLETED

The foundation of this project was laid on June 27, 2017 as a constituency project. It took concerted efforts to get it up to lintel level. Since then, it has remained uncompleted. The project was nominated by former member of the House of Representatives, Honourable. Afe Olowookere. After being abandoned, work resumed in 2018 even though it returned back on holiday since the approach of the general elections. It had however resumed again by the time Tracka visited in April 2019.

This project is captured again in 2019 ZIP budget for completion.



COMPLETION OF AKURE CIVIC AND OUTREACH CENTER IN AKURE, AKURE NORTH/SOUTH, AKURE FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, ONDO STATE



BUILDING FOR THE FACULTY OF CLINICAL SCIENCES (UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES ONDO WEST LGA IN ONDO STATE



CONSTRUCTION OF A BLOCK OF 3 CLASSROOMS AT BOLORUNDURO IN AKURE NORTH, AKURE NORTH/SOUTH FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, ONDO STATE



Ekiti State

PROVISION OF SOLAR POWER IN AYEDE AKEDE EKITI, EKITI NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICTS

COST: N10m

STATUS: COMPLETED

This project, which will be of great benefit to Ayede Ekiti, is completed and commissioned. This project was facilitated by Senator Duro faseyi. Seven (7) solar powers have been completed and in use, we found during a recent visit to the community.

CONSTRUCTION OF 10 NUMBERS OF LOCK UP SHOPS ODO-ORO IKOLE LGA EKITI NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICTS

COST: N10m

STATUS: ONGOING/ABANDONED

This project was nominated to smoothen business activities in Odo-Oro Ekiti, Ikole LGA. After the sensitization meeting (organized by Tracka) with the community leaders and business owners, we observed that the construction started very late and continues in a very slow manner which in turn hinders the supposed goal of the project.

Although the project is somewhat executed, windows and doors are yet installed. Important to note is that the building was poorly constructed from the foundation level with substandard material despite the huge amount of funds earmarked for it. Conversely, the community recently informed Tracka that the project is now abandoned since the lawmaker, who nominated the project, lost his re-election bid.

GRANT TO FARMERS IN EKITI SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

COST: N200m

STATUS: NOT DONE

A design of empowerment programs calls for deeper thought. it's a common practice for huge amounts of funds to be allocated to grants for Farmers under the canopy term "empowerment programme."

Total Number of Projects	61
Completed	29
Ongoing	0
Not Done	27
Abandoned	2
Unspecified Location	2
Not Tracked	1

This grant has not been given to any farmer despite the huge amount allocated to the said project. At a town hall meeting in November 2018, Tracka offered the beneficiary community the necessary information and step-by-step guide on how the association of the farmers within this constituency can work with us to seek 'justice'.

Our recent visit to the community still confirms that no farmer has benefited from any grant but insecticides, pesticides and herbicides that were distributed (not grant). While this is still a legitimate concern, there is a need for swift, further discussion on the procurement and disbursement of such funds.



**CONSTRUCTION OF LOCK UP SHOPS IN IKUNRIN EKITI IKOLEOYE
FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY EKITI STATE**



**PROVISION OF SOLAR POWER IN AYEDE EKITI, EKITI
NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, EKITI STATE.**



Cross River State

RENOVATION OF 2 NO. CLASSROOM BLOCKS AT ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, AKAMKPA TOWN, AKAMKPA LGA, CRS.

COST: N28m

STATUS: COMPLETED

Tracka paid a visit to this school in August 2018, where a town hall meeting was held and, following that, letters were sent to representatives at the National Assembly. Work commenced in April 2019, while the project was completed in June. The pupils now enjoy learning in upgraded classrooms, while the community as a whole is happy about the new development. This project was facilitated by Hon. Daniel Effiong Asuquo.



RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS ROOM BLOCK AT ST JOHN PRIMARY SCHOOL AKAMKPA

VOCATIONAL TRAINING ON VARIOUS SKILLS FOR YOUTH AND VULNERABLE WOMEN IN MKPANI/AGOI, EDIBA, OFUDUA, AGBOKIM WATERFALLS, OKUNI, EDOR, OKUNDI AND BATERIKO, CROSS RIVER CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, CROSS RIVER STATE

COST: N50m

STATUS: NOT DONE

Tracka paid a visit to this school in August 2018, where a town hall meeting was held and, following that, letters were sent to representatives at the National Assembly. Work commenced in April 2019, while the project was completed in June. The pupils now enjoy learning in upgraded classrooms, while the community as a whole is happy about the new development. This project was facilitated by Hon. Daniel Effiong Asuquo.

Total Number of Projects

69

Completed

4

Ongoing

0

Not Done

60

Abandoned

0

Unspecified Location

4

Not Tracked

1

CONSTRUCTION OF SOLAR POWERED BOREHOLE AND OVERHEAD TANKS AT: 1) IMABANNA WARD 1, ABI LGA. (2) AJERE BEACH IN AJERE WARD, EKORI IN YAKURR LGA. (3) NTAN EKORI, YAKURR LGA. (4) EBOM WARD IN ABI LGA, CRS

COST: N20m

STATUS: COMPLETED/ONGOING

Four communities in two local governments (Abi and Yakurr LGAs) have seen the construction of solar-powered borehole water systems with overhead tanks as part of the constituency projects above. The project was executed by the Cross River Basin Development Authority (CRBDA).

Residents of Abi and Yakurr appreciate the borehole project even though some frown at what they call “unnecessary repetition” of these projects. According to them, they need more projects: road, school renovation and construction of healthcare centres.





Enugu State

COMPLETION OF ONGOING REHABILITATION OF 1.50KM ROAD AT SABOSTINE AVENUE/ DAVID DRIVE AND CHUKWUIKPA STREET ABAKPA NIKE IN ENUGU EAST L.G.A, ENUGU EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT, ENUGU STATE.

COST: N50m

STATUS: COMPLETED

The completion of this project has been of great benefit to residents of the Abakpa Nike area who always used the road. This project was facilitated by Senator Gilbert Nnaji.

This road project has been completed; we confirmed that during a visit to Sabastine Avenue/ David drive and Chukwuikpa Street in Abakpa Nike sometimes in September 2019. This development came as a huge relief to the residents who have suffered the hazards of the previously deplorable roads. The communities appreciate Tracka’s interventions since the community sensitization in June 2019.

COMPLETION OF EMUDO-AMOYI EROSION CONTROL PROJECT, ANINRI L.G.A

COST: N40m

STATUS: ONGOING

This project is meant to be constructed with two side drainage system along Emudo- Amorji road in Aninri, Enugu West Senatorial District of the state for which N40 million was budgeted. Precisely on July 20, 2019, the youth and elders of the community were sensitized by Tracka on the budget provision. They were enlightened on the need and methods to hold the legislator, who facilitated the project, accountable.

A recent visit to the site reveals that work is ongoing on the Emudo axis of the road. As for Amorji, work has not started yet. Residents complain about the slow

Total Number of Projects	97
Completed	21
Ongoing	28
Not Done	33
Abandoned	4
Unspecified Location	11
Not Tracked	0

execution of the project. The project was facilitated by Senator Ike Ekweremadu, former deputy senate president.

COMPLETION OF ABIA-ORIE AGU-UDI EROSION CONTROL PROJECT

COST: N30m

STATUS: NOT STARTED

We report that this project, which has the potential to immensely benefit the residents of Abia, Oria Agu, Udi, Market Square along Enugu Onitsha old road, has not commenced.

This project is also nominated by Senator Ike Ekweremadu. When we visited the project site on November 16, 2019, we found that nothing is ongoing. Sequel to our visit, the indigenes implemented all strategies to ensure that the project is implemented—but to no avail.



COMPLETION OF ABIA-ORIE AGU-AMOKWE- UDI EROSION CONTROL PROJECT, UDI LGA



COMPLETION OF EMUDO-AMORJI EROSION CONTROL PROJECT, ANINRI LGA



COMPLETION OF ON-GOING REHABILITATION OF 1.50KM ROAD AT SABASTINE AVENUE DAVID DRIVE AND CHUKWUIKPA STREET ABAKPA NIKE IN ENUGU EAST L.G.A, ENUGU EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT, ENUGU STATE



Katsina State

REHABILITATION OF SOME SCHOOLS IN KATSINA NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, KATSINA STATE(REHABILITATION OF 1 BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS AND STORE, KAWARI VILLAGE, MASHI LGA)

COST: N20m
STATUS: DONE

When we visited Kawari community, June 15, 2019, we discovered that this project has not started one bit. We also saw pupils take lessons under the tree, as the only classroom block has been collapsed for more than 10 years ago. This is why we organized a sensitization programme to help the indigenes on how to engage the government, most particularly their representative in the National Assembly. Interestingly, we confirmed the completion of the when we paid another visit to Kawari on September 22, 2019.

SUPPLY OF 150 NO MOTORCYCLES IN MUSAWA/MATAZU FED CONSTITUENCY, KATSINA STATE

COST: N30m
STATUS: PARTIALLY DONE

Hon. Ibrahim D. Murtala nominated the distribution of 150 motorcycles to beneficiary indigenes of

Musawa/Matazu Federal constituency as FG Zonal Intervention Project.

However, we discovered that only 10 motorcycles were distributed to a very scanty beneficiaries from Musawa and Matazu Local Governments on July 18, 2019. The residents expressed their anger, during a recent visit, over what they termed as 'fraud' by the former lawmaker.

GRANT FOR MARKET WOMEN AND YOUTHS IN ELEVEN (11) LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS OF KATSINA CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

COST: N40M
STATUS: DONE

This is one of the "empowerment programs" in the 2018 Zonal Intervention Project nominated by former

Total Number of Projects

48

Completed

31

Ongoing

0

Not Done

12

Abandoned

1

Unspecified Location

4

Not Tracked

0

legislator representing Katsina Central Senatorial zone, Senator Umar Kurfi. The empowerment project was executed on September 14, 2019. Only the legislator's supporters and or their wives benefited from the 'empowerment', however.



SUPPLY OF 150NO MOTORCYCLES IN MUSAWA_MATAZU FED CONSTITUENCY, KATSINA STATE



Gombe State

CONSTRUCTION OF TUBERCULOSIS UNIT, COMPACT LABORATORY AND MODERN MORTUARY IN FILYA SHONGOM LGA

COST: N100m

STATUS: COMPLETED

Tracka visited Filiya on March 2, 2018, to track the construction of this project, budgeted for N100m in 2018 financial year. At the same time, we organized a Town Hall meeting with some of the residents. In August 2019, the projects was completed and commissioned by Hon. Binta Bello.

CONSTRUCTION OF EXAM HALL IN TALK BILLIRI LGA GOMBE SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

COST: N10M

STATUS: NOT COMPLETED

This project was commenced in September 2016 but was abruptly abandoned. In 2018, the project was recaptured but as "completion of exam hall in Tal, Billiri LGA" for N10m. So the team went back to the community in April 2018 only to find out that the project has finally been completed.

Yet, Tracka held a town hall meeting with the school management. The school still lacks furniture, making it uncondusive for WAEC and NECO examinations whereas it is biggest and only registered school allowed to conduct these examinations.

SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF RICE PROCESSING PLANT IN DIFA YALMATU DEBA GOMBE STATE.

COST: N26M

STATUS: ONGOING

Tracka visited Difa in January 2019 to sensitize the residents on the above project. Following that, they wrote a letter and also made phone calls pushing for the implementation of the 26 million project. By July, the project started while work is ongoing as at the time of this writing. In August, the team made another visit to Daifa Yalmatu to ascertain work level. We found work going on. If this project is completed, it will boost the agricultural output and of the community. That also means a plus to government's IGR.



CONSTRUCTION OF TUBERCULOSIS UNIT, COMPACT LABORATORY AND MODERN MORTUARY IN FILYA SHONGOM LGA

Total Number of Projects

64

Completed

40

Ongoing

11

Not Done

5

Abandoned

1

Unspecified Location

7

Not Tracked

0



Bayelsa State

DRILLING OF BOREHOLE AND INSTALLATION OF 100,000 LITRES CAPACITY TANK WITH SOLAR AT OPOLO-EPIE HEALTH CENTER IN BAYELSA CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, BAYELSA STATE.

COST: N25m

STATUS: COMPLETED

This project has been completed but not handed over to the community for use. The nominator is from the community, but because he was contesting for the state governorship position, the citizens find it difficult to request that he hand over the project

PROVISION OF PUPILS DESK AND CHAIRS TO SCHOOLS IN OGBOLOMABIRI, OKOROMA CLAN, NEMBE IN NEMBE LGA, BAYELSA STATE.

COST: N50m

STATUS: NOT DONE

In search of the above project, Tracka visited the communities from Ogbolomabiri to Okoroma clan to Opu-Nembe, meeting school principals and community leaders. According to these stakeholders, the schools were not furnished at no point. This project doesn't even have traceable proposed sites in any of these communities. This is one of the many ways government actors go away with public funds.



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SUPPLY OF SCHOOL FURNITURE TO YENAGOA LGA-CSS OGU, CENTRAL EPIE SECONDARY SCHOOL OPOLO-EPIE AND GSS OKOLOBIRI IN BAYELSA CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, BAYELSA STATE.

COST: N45m

STATUS: NOT DONE

This project, nominated by Sen Emmanuel Paulka, has not received any attention from the contractor. Tracka has several times and continuously visited the location; nothing is ongoing.

Total Number of Projects

23

Completed

5

Ongoing

2

Not Done

12

Abandoned

3

Unspecified Location

1

Not Tracked

0



Ogun State

CONSTRUCTION OF ONE (1) BLOCK OF THREE (3) CLASSROOMS EACH IN OBAFEMI AWOLOWO MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, IKENNE, ST PAUL SCHOOL, IJOKU, SHAGAMU AND UNITED PRIMARY SCHOOL, IPARA, REMO NORTH IN IKENNE/ SHAGAMU/REMO NORTH FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, OGUN STATE.

COST: N48m

STATUS: COMPLETED

These projects have been completely implemented in two of the proposed locations – St. Paul Primary School, Ijoku, Sagamu, and United Primary School, Ipara Remo. The third one was executed at African Bethel Ilishan Primary School where three classrooms were renovated.

This means that instead of the construction of three Classrooms as stated in the budget, only two classrooms were newly built. The remaining two schools have not been commissioned by Hon. Oladipupo Adebutu hence not currently in use. By and large, our effort has been very instrumental to the implementation of these projects (to this stage)..

SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF 500 KVA TRANSFORMER AT ORILE-OKO IN REMO NORTH LG, OGUN EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OGUN STATE.

COST: N9m

STATUS: ABANDONED

Out of the five transformer projects nominated by Senator Buruji Kashamu in 2018 Constituency Projects, only the one at Orile Oko has been completed. Others are abandoned till date. The only thing the community can point at is the pedestal on which the transformers would be placed.

Total Number of Projects	60
Completed	21
Ongoing	4
Not Done	0
Abandoned	3
Unspecified Location	32
Not Tracked	0

CONSTRUCTION OF MOTORISED BOREHOLE AT AJEBANDELE IJEBU EAST LG, OGUN EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OGUN STATE.

COST: N9m

STATUS: COMPLETED

One of the dearest needs of this agrarian settlement is water, both for their farming vocation and domestic consumption but the locals have for years had to cross miles to get potable water. Fortunately, Tracka intervention changed the story through the advocacy that led to execution of this project – with a generator to power the borehole.



CONSTRUCTION OF MOTORISED BOREHOLE AT AJEBANDELE IJEBU EAST LG, OGUN EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OGUN STATE.



SAGAMU COMPLETE CLASSROOMS STRUCTURE



IPARA REMO COMPLETED CLASSROOMS



Kogi State

CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN HALL AT AIYETORO-GBEDE IN IJUMU LGA, KOGI WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT, KOGI STATE

COST: N45m

STATUS: ABANDONED

This project was first captured in the 2016 Zonal Intervention Projects. In July 2017, Tracka team made the first visit to Aiyetoro-Gbede for community sensitization and advocacy strategy. About two months later, the project work resumed on the site but again abandoned by December 2017.

The same project was captured in 2018 budget again as completion of an ongoing ultra-modern town hall in Aiyetoro-Gbede at 45 million. As at the time of this report (November 2019), the project remains abandoned. It was nominated by former Senator Dino Melaye.

COMPLETION OF ONGOING VOCATIONAL CENTRE, OBENGEDE, OKEHI LGA, KOGI STATE

COST: N30m

STATUS: COMPLETED

This project was captured in 2018 budget at 30million. At a community sensitization by Tracka, we discovered that the project was ongoing. The building materials were of good standard, in fact. By November 2019, the vocational centre has been completed and now in use by residents of the community. The centre is used for vocational training on skills acquisition.

Total Number of Projects	69
Completed	24
Ongoing	7
Not Done	20
Abandoned	7
Unspecified Location	10
Not Tracked	1

PROVISION OF 6 NO'S MOTORIZED BOREHOLES WITH GENERATOR AT IDAH,IGALAMELA-ODOLU, OFU AND IBAJI FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY KOGI STATE

COST: N30m

STATUS: ABANDONED

In 2017 budget, 6 motorized boreholes with power generator were nominated for Idah/ Igalamela-Odolu/ Ofu and Ibaji communities. After many months of monitoring, we discovered that only one borehole was installed in Ibaji community (for N30 million?).

In the 2018 budget, the same project title was captured

at N30 million. So in June 2019, Tracka visited the same beneficiary communities again to confirm the reality. It was discovered that nothing has been done. A town hall meeting was held subsequently where letters were sent to officials in charge, requesting for updates. These efforts were to no avail.



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CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN HALL AT AIYETORO-GBEDE IN IJUMU LGA, KOGI WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT, KOGI STATE



Sokoto State

TARRING OF ROAD IN ACHIDA TASHA-JUNCTION TO KWASARE PRIMARY SCHOOL, WURNO LGA, SOKOTO STATE.

COST: 37,4m

STATUS: COMPLETED

Achida is a village in Wurno Local Government Area of Sokoto State, this community have suffered a lot before this project was captured in the 2017 budget.

The team visited the community on the 17th day of November 2018, We held a sensitization meeting with the indigenes at the palace of the District Head ALH.

Abubakar informing them on the project's allocation.

Before my visit to the community, the village head and the entire people of the community before Tracka visit were not aware of this project. The printed publication was distributed to residents on the budgetary provisions. And indigenes were encouraged to use this information to demand accountability from their elected representative.

On 14 March 2019, the team revisited the community and discovered that the tarring of the road has commenced.

We report that this road project has been completed, but substandard materials were used for the construction as the road will not serve the community

CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF SKILL ACQUISITION CENTER AT YABO TOWN, YABO LGA, SOKOTO STATE.

COST: 45m

STATUS: ONGOING

On May 15, 2019, members of Yabo community were sensitized on the provision of skill acquisition centre in their community as part of federal government projects for 2018 fiscal year. They were enlightened on how to engage their representatives in demanding the implementation of the projects. A few months later, our team went back to the community to check the execution status. We found: work was ongoing, but in a slow manner.

Total Number of Projects

30

Completed

10

Ongoing

4

Not Done

16

Abandoned

0

Unspecified Location

0

Not Tracked

0

This project was facilitated by Aminu Shagari, former House of Representative member representing Shagari/Yabo Federal Constituency, Sokoto State.

GRANT FOR EMPOWERMENT OF INDEGINES OF SOKOTO EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

COST: N100m

STATUS: NOT DONE

To ensure that indigenes of Sokoto East Senatorial District, most especially the youths, benefit from this project, Tracka organized a sensitization meeting after which letters were sent to Senator Ibrahim Gobir and the implementing agency... all efforts turned out to be futile. The project is “not done” and “abandoned” till date.



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Common challenges of the 2018 constituency projects

Supply Of Empowerment Items

Empowerment provisions are short-term provisions that meet immediate individual needs but without any long-term impact on the community. This usually includes generating sets, grinding machines, sewing machines, tricycles and motorcycles. The challenge with empowerment provisions are numerous. The main one being the inability to track them (in terms of full implementation and accurate delivery) has always been the problem Tracking Officers has to experience over the past five years of our work.

Our findings reveal that lawmakers are the biggest beneficiaries of empowerment provisions. For the 2018 Zonal Intervention Projects, over N61 billion was allocated to empowerment by members of the National Assembly. Of this, N54 billion was budgeted for the provisions of empowerment in 2017 as against the N41 billion in 2016. Tracking empowerment has been a difficult task for civil society and residents, as the few beneficiaries are mainly party loyalists.

Contract Inflation

Inflated costs and pricing of government projects are one of the leading causes of underdevelopment in Nigeria. The unusual cost of construction in the country compared to its peers worldwide is mind-boggling, thereby making contractors the biggest beneficiaries of developmental projects, rather than the people. A typical example of contract inflation was reported in Ondo State where a huge sum of N24m was allocated in the 2018 budget for the construction of a block of three classrooms at Bolorunduro in Akure North, Akure North/South Federal constituency. Upon completion, mere classrooms were constructed without any furniture provision.

Unspecified Project Locations

For effective project tracking, it is imperative that detailed project locations of 90 projects amounting to N1.4 Billion in the 2018 Zonal Intervention Projects were included in the budget. In a lot of instances, the location was a missing detail; where communities, civil society and auditing bodies are unaware of project locations, thereby deprived of the opportunity to monitor and ensure proper implementation.

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Supply of Equipment/Materials to Uncompleted Structures

With little attention to constituency project implementation and monitoring, contractors easily lie to government officials about project status in order to access their payment. We have seen instances where a fresh contract is subsequently awarded for the supply of equipment to uncompleted projects which, as our monitoring would later reveal, still turned out uninhabitable despite double allocations. A typical example of this was the case of N105 million and N15 million (respectively in 2017 and 2018 budgets) for equipping an uncompleted 2016 project – Dialysis Centre at the General Hospital, Auchi, Etsako west LGA, Edo State. The equipment were supplied in secrecy and kept at the Otaru of Auchi Palace, as the project was yet completed.

Use of Substandard Products

Government projects are fondly executed with substandard materials which consequently cause developmental setbacks and loss of lives aside from attracting more repair and remediation costs for the government. This practice stems from contractors aiming to maximise profit by trimming the cost of implementation or political influence being exerted by the representative(s) of the particular area solely for personal financial gain. At a huge cost to taxpayers, these substandard materials are procured at outrageous prices, with no sanctions from the

government when consequences and complaints arise. An example of this was reported in Sokoto state where N37.4 million was allocated for the tarring of a road stretch from Achida Tasha Junction to Kwasare Primary School in Wurno LGA, Sokoto. This road was poorly constructed with substandard material which did not stand the test of time after a heavy downpour.

Non-execution of Projects

From research and project tracking across states, we can authoritatively say that many projects are signed off with contractors being paid, but little or no follow-up assessment nor reporting is being done by government authorities. A corollary effect is that citizens are often restricted from asking questions, due to the absence of information on project stipulations and status. During our tracking exercise, we discovered a N15 million in the 2018 budget that was allocated for the construction of a pavillion at Umuona Nnobi Idemili south LGA, Anambra. Interestingly, only the project signpost was erected at the proposed site. Our tracking officer could not confirm the building during field visit, as the site has been overgrown by weeds.

Citizens' Unawareness of Budgetary Provisions

Secrecy in the preparation, enactment and implementation of budgets keep citizens in the dark regarding what their government owes them. One of the challenges to development is the lack of access to information about community projects. Public projects

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such as the construction of rural roads, schools, clinics and religious houses, are often phrased in technical jargon, making it difficult for citizens to comprehend the budgetary information.

Under-implementation of Projects

Certain projects in the budget are brazenly not executed as specified in the budget. There are several instances where the actual work is done does not match the description of the budget provision. An example is the N16 million Construction of block of three classrooms at St Paul's primary school, Ijokun, Sagamu in Ogun State where only 1 block of 2 classrooms and office was constructed, despite an awareness of the authorities that this project was being tracked.





State-specific recommendations

In tracking 1,470 projects so far across 23 states from July 2018 to November 2019, we highlight a few trends (we learned on the field) that have wider consequences and lessons that necessitate the following advocacy:

Ondo and Anambra - Strategic allocation of funds is crucial

As Nigeria operates its largest budget deficit in at least three decades, the allocation of funds to public projects should remain cost-effective, with sustainability an overriding factor. In Ondo State, N24 million was budgeted for the construction of a block of three classrooms at Bolorunduro in Akure North, Akure/South federal constituency. With such an enormous amount, there was no provisions for furniture in the classrooms upon project completion.

To the South East, in Anambra state, N20 million was allocated for perimeter fencing and roofing of school refectory in Community Secondary School, Umunachi, Dunukofia LGA, Anambra Central Senatorial District, which begs the question: how much would it cost to build a block of 3 classrooms and perimeter fence?

Edo and Katsina - The design of empowerment programmes calls for deeper thought

It is common practice for substantial amounts of money to be allocated for training and workshop in fishing production and feed making for women and youth in Edo North Senatorial District at a cumulative cost of N90 million, with the venue for the training untraceable in the whole Edo North six LGAs. Apparently, projects of this kind have no direct impact on the women and Youth in Edo North Senatorial District, as the beneficiaries could not be found and by their very nature, are also highly prone to fraud because disbursement is at the discretion of officials.

The budget is replete with training and empowerment for youth and women as well as the distribution of empowerment materials in the 2018 Zonal Intervention Projects. However, only political supporters benefited from such projects. For example, N40 million was budgeted for distribution as a grant to market women and youths in the 11 LGAs of Katsina Central Senatorial District, but only the senator's political supporters and/or their wives benefited from the money. The fact that federal lawmakers use these projects, as a means to 'reward their supporters and political allies' is a

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wake-up call for the civil society and the general public to pay more attention on how public funds are expended.

In Imo state, N32 million was earmarked for healthcare enlightenment campaign project for Ohaji/Egbema/Oguta/Oru West communities as constituency project. As confirmed by residents, healthcare enlightenment campaign is one of the many phantom projects legislators nominate for different purposes other than the benefit of the constituencies they represent. Such projects were either used to siphon public funds all in the sake of constituency project with a token of reward for political loyalists, friends and family.

Kano- Inadequate execution just as bad as non-execution

In Kano state, a health project was nominated and recaptured twice without completion for N72 million in 2016, N130 million in 2017 and N120 million in 2018 respectively. This is the construction of a Cottage Hospital (plus supply of modern medical equipment) at Dadin kowa, Doguwa LGA, Kano state. Despite N322 million allocation, the health facility remains abandoned. When tracking officers engaged the residents to inquire about the project, political thugs (reportedly working for the lawmaker who nominated the project) attacked the team and the community champion. In fact, cars and houses were vandalized.

In 2017 and 2018, N30 million was repeatedly allocated

for motorized boreholes with generators in Idah/Igalamela-Odolu/ Ofu and Ibaji communities. During the tracking of 2017 budget, findings revealed that the project was only implemented in Ibaji community. As for other communities, they expressed displeasure over the non-execution of the project. The residents were encouraged to follow up with their elected representative to ensure that the project is captured in the next fiscal year. That was done in 2018 but till date, nothing is done.

A willful obfuscation of budget details is just as inimical to development as non-implementation, and it shows a lack of regard for taxpayers and voters who put their leaders in power.

Imo and Akwa Ibom - Misplaced priorities continue to decimate impact reach

In Imo state, members of Umuosi/Umuokwu Lagwain Aboh Mbaise Local Government Area expressed displeasure over the N8 million motorised borehole allocated in the 2018 budget for their community. According to them, it is the least form of development needed in Umuosi/Umuokwu since they already have their own borehole systems. However, the project was first captured in the 2017 budget year—but not executed. It was then again included in the 2018 constituency projects. Yet, it has not been implemented.

During a community town hall meeting, the residents told us they see the project as a misplaced priority, as

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there are other infrastructural gaps in the development of the community and enrichment of the lives of its members. Mr Amah Joseph, former assistant ward leader in the community, disclosed that they need good access roads and a functional power supply system, expressing dissatisfaction with the government's neglect of the community on project needs.

Meanwhile, the borehole will be the first and only constituency allocation the community would benefit from - if executed.

In Akwa Ibom, N50 million was budgeted for empowerment and skill acquisition program for youths and women in Ikono/Ini LGA. During our community engagement, we discovered that the people were not aware of any empowerment program or any project in their locality.

Elder Simon, one of the Council Elders, questioned the criteria in selecting the project beneficiaries. "What the government should concentrate on is capital projects. They should come down to us here and inquire from us what we need as a community not just to nominate a project that will not benefit the community. If you must know, our community does not have electricity, and it has been like this since the inception of the village. There is no healthcare centre, no good source of water apart from stream water. There is only one primary school, which serves three other nearby communities yet no staff or facilities for effective teaching and learning. Our roads are nothing to write home about," he spoke Tracka.

At least, this case reiterates the need for constituents to be made a part of all need assessment exercises and budgeting processes in order to ensure greater impact of scarce resources.

Enugu -Sabotage of capital projects must be checked, and punished

In Enugu North Senatorial District, empowerment items worth N117 million meant for the constituents were stashed in the residence of the lawmaker representing the constituency in the Senate. When officials of the intervention of Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) conducted a raid on his home, 281 motorcycles, 51 tricycle and plenty grinding machines were found almost rotten in his compound. It was then he would share the items to the beneficiaries courtesy of ICPC order.

In Birnin kebbi LGA, items of a project listed as "provision of N80 million purchase/supply of fertilizer" were kept under lock and key for a long time without distribution to beneficiary farmers until after the passage of the planting season when they were needed most. We submit that if the government is keen about economic diversification, it must support local farmers across the country with inputs and materials to boost production. It must also plug all loopholes through which corrupt officials sabotage the benefits that should accrue to the people.

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Tax Funded Government Projects Labelled as Donations

Location: Katsina States

Every citizen has the right to be informed on how their tax contributions are being utilized. However, while tracking 2018 FG constituency projects, we observed that representatives at the National Assembly labeled public projects as donations. For example, we observed that the supply of 150 motorcycles in Masuwa/Matazu Federal constituency, Katsina State, which was budgeted for N150 million, was labeled as “donations” by the lawmaker representing Masuwa/Matazu federal constituency, Hon. Ibrahim D. Murtala. What’s more, only 10 motorcycles were delivered to each local government area. We reiterate that constituency projects should not be labeled as donations by individual politicians.



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In summary, we recommend the following to all stakeholders at local, state and federal government levels as well as policymakers at MDA level:

Citizen engagement: Since the fundamental purpose of constituency projects is to ensure rural communities feel the impact of the federal government, representatives should engage their constituents in the budget-making process to ensure their priority needs are well captured in every annual fiscal plan.

Standardized platforms for public procurement: The federal government could build a price-check platform on projects to compare initial projects with new projects of identical characteristics. This would assist government in trimming costs, block holes on price inflation and set price guides for contracts.

Effective budget monitoring: To achieve an inclusive growth for states, the federal government must enforce an effective budget monitoring and evaluation body to track project progress and standardise verification. Government could also adopt an independent reporting mechanism for capital projects ultimately to monitor their progress and ensure judicious use of public funds in creating value for the people.

Full implementation of projects: Abandoned projects form a massive leak to public resources. The government must strive for full implementation in each

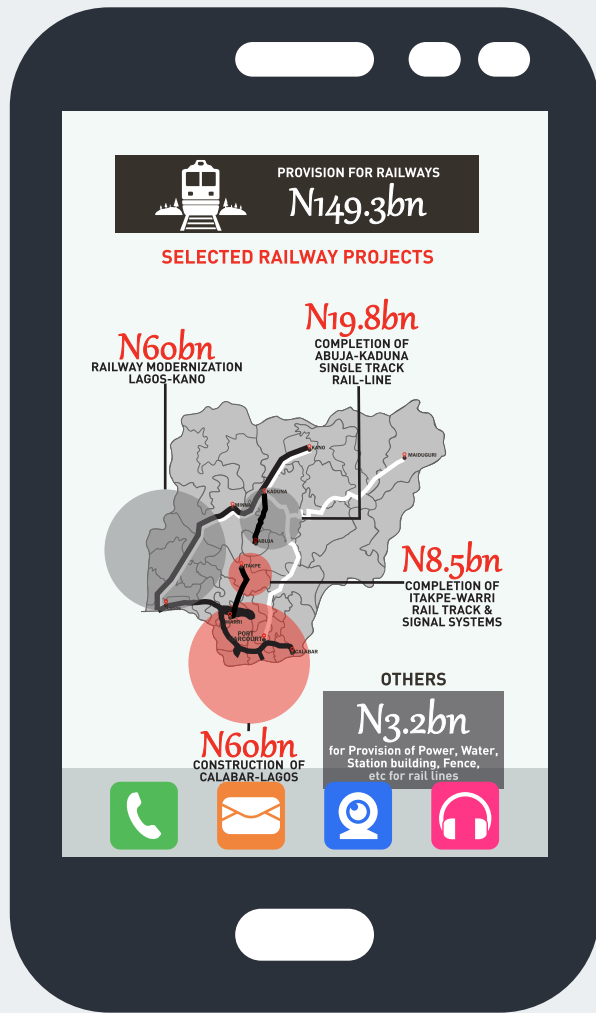
state before embarking on new capital projects.

Proper budgeting with relevant information: Project locations should be included in the budget, for easy access by citizens and organisations. As noted, in several cases, budget line items identify project titles, specifications and amounts, but fail to establish the actual project site. Provisions like these are extremely prone to misappropriation of funds and corruption.


Open contracting: This must be prioritised to ensure public participation in contract award with details of all contracts (contractor's name, government budget benchmark, terms of the agreement, bill of quantity, etc) available in the public domain. Government can control incompetence and contract fraud through this initiative via the provision of updated contact information.

Misrepresentation of projects: Public Officials should desist from tagging supply materials in their names for personal glory and political clout. Citizens should be allowed or even made to know that the projects are courtesy of the federal government, as enabled by taxpayers.

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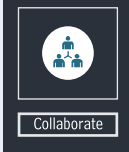


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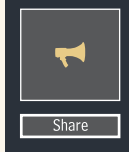
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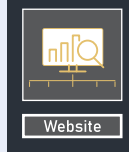
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