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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

Over the years, Nigerians in rural communities have had little or no idea of government projects in their communities. However, with the intervention of Tracka—which enables citizens to collaborate, track and give feedback on public projects—residents are now better informed about government projects. More than being informed, they are also able to act, engage their representatives, to ensure that projects are delivered for their use. In 2020, the world faced one of its biggest threats ever, a pandemic that we were unprepared for.

As an organisation, our focus shifted; our response to the pandemic involved ensuring that citizens had access to essential needs that would aid their survival in these unprecedented times. Due to the restricted movement during lockdowns, we also worked more with community champions domiciled in their communities, creating inclusion as well as a sense of community ownership for executed projects. Through community advocacy, we continued to advise the masses on the essence of transparency and

accountability as integral to community development. By collaborating with citizens and other civil society organisations, we worked towards improved well-being of the people, particularly in underserved communities across Nigeria during the focus year. Within the focus period of this report—January 2020 to June 2021—the Tracka model scaled up from





the initial twenty-eight states to thirty-two states. 37 Project Tracking Officers (PTOs), worked in 1,687 communities across 583 local government areas in the 32 focus states to sensitise residents on the 2020 budgetary provisions in their communities.

To increase impact and promote inclusive development, especially in the rural communities, we engaged over 1,331 community champions, offline and online, who closely monitored the implementation of federal government Zonal Intervention Projects, state government projects, COVID-19 palliatives, and the Federal Consolidated Projects outlined in 2020 budget. Between January 2020 and June 2021, we tracked 1,439 Zonal Intervention Projects; of these, 662 have been completed, 111 are ongoing, 288 have not started, 21 projects have been abandoned, while 357 have unspecified locations.

Within this period, we also tracked 1,826 Federal Consolidated Projects; of these, 646 have been completed, 316 are ongoing, 335 have not started, 112 have been abandoned, while 417 have unspecified locations.

In cases where we could not access the needed information, we wrote 223 letters, citing the Freedom of Information Law, to National Assembly members and Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) requesting project implementation status, especially when the full funds were confirmed and released by the federal government. The Tracka team reached over 650,000 citizens through 456 town hall meetings across the focus states to encourage residents to take ownership of government projects in their communities. This enhanced the inclusive participation of citizens in demanding project implementation from their elected representatives. Government projects ought to serve citizens.

At Tracka, we continue to ensure that this becomes a reality by monitoring the execution of projects that directly impact communities. We will continue to provide citizens with public information to engage the government by demanding accountability, improve service delivery, and birth an equitable society for all. We will continue to collaborate with communities and local organisations until we get the Nigeria of our dreams: a Nigeria where democracy delivers for her citizens, a Nigeria that works.



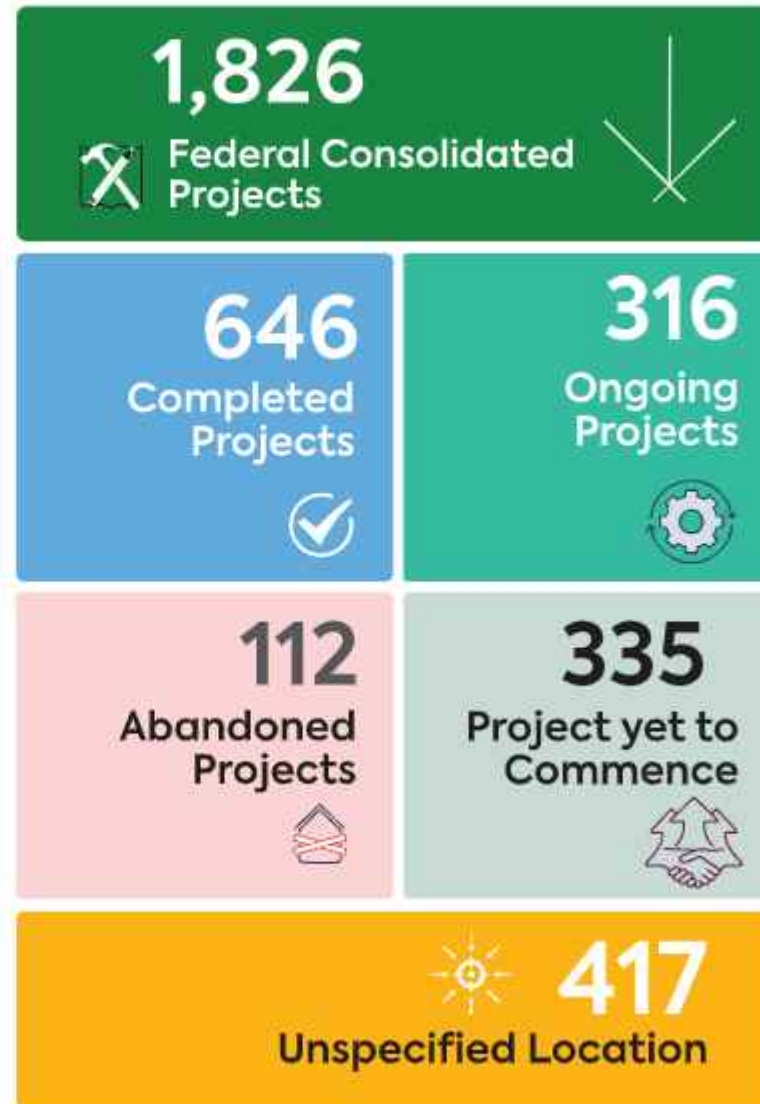
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Between January 2020 and June 2021



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**Key**

## Issues in Public Projects

### Delivery In Nigeria

✚ The Ministry of Budget and Planning must ensure practical implementation of the budget for efficient service delivery.

#### 1. Lack of an Effective Monitoring and Evaluation Body to Verify Project Implementation and Standards

Project monitoring and evaluation is a vital aspect of the budget implementation process. The effective monitoring of awarded projects eliminates the opportunity for corruption; the use of substandard products; ensures the durability of project structures; enhances citizens' trust in government; and safeguards innocent lives from untimely death and needless injury. The Ministry of Budget and Planning must ensure practical implementation of the budget for efficient service delivery.

Lack of effective project monitoring has led to cases of substandard materials and poor project quality. Case in point: In Edo state, N65m was budgeted for the construction of link roads in Igarra, Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency. However, the constructed road and gutter was so deplorable, that citizens peeled the roads and gutters with their bare hands. This is because the gutters were constructed with only cement and sand, without iron rods to keep it firm; they also lacked drainage points for water to drain.

Poor project monitoring also engenders incomplete projects. For instance, in Bauchi state, N100m was allocated for the construction of Soro-Gungura-Shila and Youtare-Tanya road in Ganjuwa/Darazo Federal Constituency and only 7km of the road was graded out of the 29km road stretch.

#### 2. Obscurity of Budgetary Provisions

Secrecy in the preparation and implementation of the budget is a conspiracy to keep citizens in the dark. Public projects remain phrased in technical jargon, making it difficult for citizens to comprehend. Citizens are not also involved in the budget preparation process, taking away their power to dictate the development pace of their communities. Related to this are cases of missing project locations in the

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budget. If communities, civil society and auditing bodies are unaware of project locations, they cannot monitor and ensure proper implementation.

In the 2020 Zonal Intervention Projects list, our findings revealed that the locations of over 22 project line items, worth over N2.1 billion, remain unknown. N39m was budgeted for the provision of potable water at Pindiga, Tunfure and other parts of Akko Federal Constituency, Gombe state while N15m was budgeted for the drilling of two boreholes and overhead tanks in Maiyama Local Government Area, Kebbi Central Senatorial District, Kebbi state respectively.

However, these projects were difficult to track due to unspecified locations. MDAs need to provide precise project locations so that citizens have access to, and are able to monitor them. Consequently, this reduces the chances for corruption through the diversification of project funds for personal needs.

### **3. Supply of Equipment and Materials to Uncompleted Structures**

With little attention to constituency project implementation and monitoring, contractors easily lie to government officials about projects' status to

access their payment. We have seen instances where a new contract is subsequently awarded for the equipment of buildings and, when tracked, such buildings are inhabitable. In Kano, five years after the Cottage Hospital project at Dadinkowa started, it remains incomplete, yet there are provisions in the 2020 budget to supply equipment to the same uncompleted building.

### **4. Use of Substandard Materials**

Several government projects are executed with inferior products, leading to the loss of lives, developmental setbacks as well as expensive repair and remediation costs for the government. This practice stems from contractors aiming to maximise profit by trimming implementation costs or political influence exerted by the representative(s) of the particular area solely for personal financial gain. This practice continues unchecked, with no sanctions from the government, despite complaints and life-altering consequences.

In the 2020 federal government budget, N100m was allocated to construct and rehabilitate rural roads in Adda Alo-Old BB-Dofi Wukari Taraba, state. However, the contractor used cement blocks for the drainage construction, making it fall apart weeks after. In Osioma, Abia state, N65m was budgeted within three



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years for the construction of a hospital. The hospital remains in a terrible state, and residents refuse to use it due to fear of future collapse.

5. Non-execution of Projects We discovered that many projects were signed off, and contractors paid, yet there was little or no follow-up reporting and assessment by government authorities. This non-execution of projects opens the budgeting process to corruption, making it impossible for the government to deliver to citizens. With perpetrators unpunished, the act becomes endemic, repeating itself every budget year.

In Imo, N30m was allocated to construct a modern market with abattoir for the Ahiazu LGA, Imo East Senatorial District, yet no new market was built. Rather, the existing markets were renovated.

### 6. Incapability of Assigned Agency to Execute Projects.

How can projects be domiciled in agencies whose mandates are not relevant to the execution of such projects? In most cases, these agencies do not have the requisite knowledge and capacity to deliver. Our work this year revealed that some selected agencies engaged in the execution of projects could not

execute the projects as such projects were not within their jurisdiction.

In the 2020 Zonal Intervention Project list, the National Human Rights Commission nominated N100m to empower youths and women on enterprise management in Uyo Federal Constituency, Akwa Ibom. For an agency saddled with addressing human abuses, implementing constituency projects is outside of its purview. Also, in Abia state, the Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia supervised the construction of a multipurpose hall in Abia Central Senatorial District. How can a health facility oversee the construction of a town hall? What is the relationship between the delivery of quality healthcare—the purpose of hospitals—and building a multipurpose hall for social functions?

### 7. Overpriced Projects

Inflated costs and pricing of government projects are some of the leading causes of underdevelopment in Nigeria. Compared to its peers worldwide, the high cost of construction in the country is mind-boggling, thereby making contractors the biggest beneficiaries of developmental projects rather than the people. In Imo state, N15m was allocated in the 2020 FG budget to provide solar street lights in Umekwele Itu, Ezinihitte.



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Mbaise. However, as at the time of reporting, only seven street lights had been installed in the community. Does this mean that each solar street light costs about N2m? The market prices of the items are much lower than that.

### 8. Under-implementation of Projects

Specific projects in the budget are not executed as specified in the budget. There are several instances where the actual work done does not match the description of the budget provision.

In Niger-East Senatorial District, Niger state, N125m was allocated for capacity-building in ICT for youths; girls were also ought to be equipped with laptops after the exercise. However, at the end of the project, only twenty computers were installed at the centre. In Imo, N13.3m was budgeted in the 2020 FG ZIP to design and construct three blocks of 40 K-Clamp open stalls at Eke Amandugba Market, Isu LGA. However, as at the time of reporting, only two blocks of forty open stalls, instead of three blocks of 40 stalls each, were constructed.


### 9. Cash Payment of Grants

Zonal Intervention Projects are expected to be

executed by the respective agencies through the accredited contractors. It is the duty of the representatives to oversee projects in their constituency.

However, findings have revealed that the elected representatives are directly involved in distributing 'empowerment grants' to selected beneficiaries through direct cash payment, instead of bank transfer. In Ondo, N23.7m was budgeted in the 2020 Zonal Intervention Projects for the strategic empowerment for women in Okitipupa/Irele Federal Constituency. Across the wards, only hundred beneficiaries received N20,000 as start-up capital after the training. When confronted about this, Honourable Gboluga Ikengboju, the lawmaker representing the constituency, said he gave the women N20,000, but he had previously awarded N100,000 each to 200 women in the constituency.

There was no way to refute his claim as there was no paperwork to track the grant distribution. If the grants had been awarded through bank transfer, electronic bank statements would have been provided to ensure it was carried out. 'Empowerment grants' are by nature opaque: How are project beneficiaries selected? How is the grant payment verifiable especially when they are cash payments? In Bayelsa, N18m was budgeted to the three LGAs under Bayelsa



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East Senatorial District for a strategic empowerment programme for youths. At the end of the project, about 100 beneficiaries received an undisclosed amount of money in an envelope.

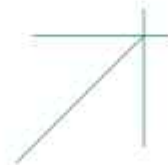
### 10. Poor Maintenance of Projects

It is not strange to see many executed projects falling apart not long after execution. While some communities charge themselves with the responsibility of project maintenance, it is unsustainable. Case in point, in the Federal Capital Territory Senatorial District. N50m was budgeted for the construction of ten solar-powered boreholes.

Even though the project is completed, it has stopped working due to poor maintenance. If the purpose of the project is to deliver projects that impact citizens' lives, project maintenance should be integral to the process: who is responsible for project maintenance? What happens when a project stops delivering to the people? The agencies involved in the budgeting and project execution process need to develop a sustainability plan so that projects are not only mementoes of politicians' tenures in office but serve the people long after.



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**Project**

**Highlights**

**from Focus States**

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State ▾

Abia State



story in osisioma health center abia state (Autosaved)



A section of the walls structure implicated by the rain from the leaky roof.



Construction Of 7km Road (2km Phase 1) for Rural Farmers With Asphalt And Drainage At Abia-akanukwu In Ohafia L.g.a Abia North Senatorial District, Abia State.

**Project:** Construction of 7km Road (2km Phase 1) for Rural Farmers with Asphalt and Drainage in Abia-Akanukwu in Ohafia LGA, Abia North Senatorial District

Location: Akanukwu Community

**Amount:** N240,000,000

**Status:** Not Done

The Akanukwu community is known for its agricultural prowess. It exports palm oil, cocoa, rice and timber to neighbouring communities and is the largest producer of cocoa in the state. However, due to the deplorable state of the linking roads to the community, heavy duty machinery cannot reach farmlands, nor can agricultural produce be easily moved from the

farms to markets.

These challenges have belaboured the farmers in the community, as they spend more on transportation costs, consequently thinning their profits.

This project appeared twice in the 2020 budget, as a ZIP and capital project. When we visited the site on the 5th of September 2020, we found the road in a deplorable state. A resident lamented that the community has no way of exporting its farm produce. On the 14th of May, 2021, Tracka visited the community again and saw that 2km of the road had been tarred and drainage constructed.

This has gone a long way to alleviate the hardship in these communities as their farm produce and timber can now be easily transported for export; the communities now have a chance at mechanised farming.

**Project:** Construction 5km (2km Phase 1) for Farmers with Asphalt and Drainage at Isingwu Road in Ohafia LGA Abia North Senatorial District Abia State.

**Location:** Beside Goodluck Ebele Jonathan Barracks, Ohafia.

**Amount:** N240,000,000

**Status:** Abandoned

When it comes to development projects, ignorance is not bliss; it creates corruption pathways to corruption while project communities continue to suffer. This was the trend in this federal constituency: abandoned projects further engendering poverty. Tracka discovered a trend of abandoned projects in this local government.

These projects are on a budget of 240 million each but on reaching these project locations, there was no evidence of construction found. After our engagement with the community, they promised to continue to engage their representatives until the project is executed. Yet, as at the time of reporting, the projects remained undone.

This is another curious case where a trend continues without any fear of repercussion

whatsoever. For Nigeria to develop as a nation, this has to stop and even the farthest of communities should feel the impact of the government.

**Project:** Health Centre in Osisioma LGA, Osisioma /Ugwunagbo/Obingwa Federal Constituency

**Location:** Osisioma

**Amount:** N10,000,000

**Status:** Completed but Poorly Constructed

While the word 'Osisioma' means 'good tree' which is usually associated with a popular ornamental flower tree *Delonix regia*, the people of Osisioma continue to struggle to find the 'goodness' in democracy, especially to access to quality healthcare.

Largely traders and farmers, the health centre referred to in this budget line item has been in dire straits. Perhaps, it was to avert an eventual collapse that inspired this project. On the 17th of May 2021, when Tracka visited this project site, it was in a worse state: there were cracks on the walls through which sun streaked in and rain leaked in.

"We have to start stopping water out of the building, when it rains," she sighed, as she made

her hand into a small scoop. "We will then place containers in the leaking spots." While doing this makes patients prone to malaria, the staff do not have a choice or else the hospital will be filled with puddles of water which is unsafe for sick patients. She said that if the building continues to be exposed to the elements, it will collapse soon.

They also confirmed that no hospital equipment had been supplied to the health centre. In the entire facility, there were only two beds. This is despite the ten million naira being budgeted for it in 2019 and 2020, respectively.



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State ▾

Adamawa State →



Rehabilitation of Cham-Numan Section Road in Adamawa State.



Construction of ICT center in Lamurda Mubi South LGA, Adamawa State

**Project:** Major Maintenance and Repairs of Jalingo-Mayolope-Adamawa State Border Road

**Location:** Jalingo-Mayolope-Adamawa State Border.

**Amount:** N140,905,127

**Status:** Incompleted

The building of roads connecting states in Nigeria is strategic to rural development. With good roads, agricultural products made in Benue 'the food basket of the nation' will be easily transported to neighbouring states in exchange for money. Consequently improving farmers' livelihoods and the local economy. This

is why the Jalingo-Mayolope-Adamawa state border road connecting Calabar to Benue to Taraba and Adamawa, is important. This project was captured in the 2020 FG consolidated capital projects by FERMA under the ministry of works and housing. When Tracka visited the site on the 1st of April, 2021, major sections of the road sections had not been completed.

The Jalingo-Apawa Junction section was patched, while other sections yearned for the engineer's touch. Due to the deplorable state of the road, motorists prefer to go round through Apawa Junction-Zing-Ngoureore-Numan instead of Apawa-Mayolope-Numan. When Tracka visited the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) field office in Jalingo for updates, we were told the agency works with the amount disbursed and not necessarily project title. This means that FERMA had done the work with just the amount of money that was allocated to the project, even though the project looked nothing close to the 'major maintenance' highlighted in the budget.



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State ▾

Akwa-Ibom



Construction Of Ict Knowledge Centre and Furnishing provision Of 30 No. Desktop Computers At Nsit Peoples Grammar School, Afaha Offiong, Nsit Ibom Local Govt. Area, Akwa Ibom State



Rehabilitation of Enwang-James Town Road-Ibaka Road In Orem Mba LGA, Akwa Ibom State



Supply Installation of 500kva11 KV Line Electricity Transformer For Ekpene Ikpan Nsit, Nsit Ibom Local Govt. Area, Akwa Ibom State

**Project:** Rehabilitation of Enwang-Jamestown Road-Ibaka Road, Orem LGA

**Location:** Enwang-Jamestown Road-Ibaka Road

**Amount:** N34,434,121

**Location:** Ibaka

**Status:** Completed

Link roads between communities are central to economic growth and social cohesion. However, poor road maintenance has left many roads in the nation in states of disrepair. This was the state of these roads in Akwa-Ibom state before project execution.

After a town hall meeting by Tracka with community residents, the community swung into action to ensure that the project is delivered: they asked their representative above project status and wrote letters as the need arose. Even when the agency handling the project wanted to abandon the project, the youths stopped them from leaving the project site with their equipment until the project was complete.

This goes a long way to show one thing: knowledge is power, only when it is used. The youths of this constituency used the knowledge from the Tracka's awareness sessions to seek accountability. This project has been completed in the area, but from our assessment, it is a substandard project. The drainage system is poor, affecting the free flow of water in the area, thereby causing flooding which will increase the wear and tear of the road eventually.



**Project:** Construction of ICT Knowledge Centre and Furnishing/Provision of 30 Desktop Computers at Nsit People's Grammar School, Afaha Offiong, Nsit Ibom LGA.  
**Location:** Nsit People's Grammar School, Afaha Offiong  
**Amount:** N20,000,000  
**Status:** Ongoing

Nsit People's Grammar School, Afaha Offiong was one of the schools created immediately after independence to improve the quality of education across the country. However, due to several years of poor education funding in Nigeria, the school has been without the needed technology facilities for its students to be able to compete in the global market. This line item in the budget was supposed to tackle that deficit.

After Tracka sensitised the school on the project, after the school engaged their representative, the project was executed. However, We discovered the centre was constructed without burglary proof for the windows and doors, making it prone to theft. Also, only ten units of computer sets, as against thirty units stated in the line item, were provided without printers and a generating set. The ICT centre is not yet functional as it is still under lock and key. The principal complained that the school is not utilising the benefits of the ICT centre because it is ill-equipped. According to him, if this centre was well equipped, the students would benefit a lot from it.

**Project:** Supply/Installation of 500KVA/11 KV Line Electricity Transformer for Ekpene Ikpan, Nsit, Nsit Ibom LGA  
**Location:** Ekpene Ikpan  
**Amount:** N5,600,000  
**Status:** Not Started

For the past five years, the Ekpene Ikpan community has been in the dark. This has affected the state of the local economy, making residents rely on generators for electricity supply, reducing possible profits by entrepreneurs. The cries of the residents must have reached their representative who nominated this project in the budget. However, the item being the project is only the beginning of the journey as the community continues to cry for help in the dark.

During Tracka's community visit, the village head, Chief Inyang Ezekiel, said attempts had been made by the community in writing and meeting the personal assistant to the honourable in person. Still, the transformer has not been supplied. 'Let there be light,' residents continue to pray. The Ekpene Ikpan community story is a story of persistence, even when you are not being answered. Tracka will continue to work with the community to ensure that they benefit from the dividends of democracy.



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State ▾

Anambra State →



**Project:** Completion and Furnishing of School Hall, Nneamaka Community Secondary School, Ifitedunu Dunukofia LGA  
**Amount:** N7,000,000  
**Status:** Not Started

constantly follow up projects and asked questions for service delivery. As of the 9th of June 2021, work was yet to begin in the school.

**Project:** Supply and Installation of 500KVA Transformer in Idemili North  
**Location:** Near Nnamdi Azikiwe Secondary School, Abagana (NASSA)  
**Amount:** N50,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

In January 2021, Tracka visited Idemili North LGA to track the supply and installation of transformers. We confirmed that 500kVA was installed as specified in the publication. Residents say the new transformer has solved the problem of poor electricity in the community.



In riverine areas, the mobility of humans and goods remains a challenge.

While some projects happen following some pressure from the community, there are some projects that do not respond to pressure. This is one of such projects.

The Tracka team engaged the Ifitedunu community on the 8th of February, 2021, for a town hall meeting with the residents and encouraged them to

**Project:** Construction of Jetty at Odekpe, Ogbaru LGA  
**Location:** Odekpe  
**Amount:** N50,000,000  
**Status:** Ongoing

In riverine areas, the mobility of humans and goods remains a challenge. In a bid to improve water transportation, which is integral to the community's economic activities as the jetty links various communities, the construction of a jetty was nominated in Ogbaru LGA.

On 11th March 2021, Tracka engaged the communities in Ogbaru on the ongoing project, and the residents were happy about the ongoing project.





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## Federal Consolidated Projects outlined in 2020 budget

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State ▾

Bauchi State



Construction and equipping of maternal and child health clinic with staff quarter at selected ward of Ganjuwa LGA, Bauchi State.



Supply of Fairly Used Galaxy Cars for Some Selected Association in Bauchi South Senatorial District



Culvert on Soro-Shila and Youtare-Tonya roads construction located in Ganjuwa & Darazo federal constituency

**Project:** Soro-Gungura-Shila and Youtare-Tonya Roads Construction  
**Location:** Ganjuwa/Darazo Federal Constituency  
**Amount:** N100,000,000  
**Status:** Uncompleted

Good roads not only build local economies but strengthen the social ties between them. However, when roads are broken down, local

economies suffer and community members bear the burden: they spend more money on transportation costs, they lose time and they are prone to fatal road accidents.

In May 2021 when Tracka paid its first visit to Gungura, the roads leading to the community were deplorable and made life difficult for the residents because it has crippled economic activities. The acting village head said they were not aware of the project in the budget, but they observed that a bulldozer graded the road from Soro stopped halfway.

The road contractor told them he would not construct the road from Soro to link up with Gungura, hence only 7KM will be constructed. The project facilitator, Honourable Mansur Manu Soro, who responded to Tracka's Twitter engagement, claimed the project's initial N100m cost was revised to N80m when the 2020 budget was reviewed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also added that the revised amount was to



construct and rehabilitate 7KM earth road in Soro-Gungura-Shila-and Yutare-Tanya roads construction located in Ganjuwa/Darazo Federal Constituency. Yet, he failed to acknowledge that the graded 7KM did not benefit Gungura mentioned in the budget.Only 7KM was graded out of the 29KM road; this did not benefit Gungura.

Therefore the road is not completed. However, this project raises questions around the pandemic and how it affected the Nigerian budget. While about 80 per cent of the initial funding was released, less than 25 per cent of the project was executed. Indeed, the people of the community need to continue to hold their representative accountable until the project is complete, or at least, until they get the value of the released funds.



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**Project:** Supply of Fairly-used Galaxy Cars for some Associations in Bauchi South Senatorial District:  
**Location:** Gumau Community, Toro LGA  
**Amount:** N70,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

In a world where nations are moving their automobile industries from fuel based to electric, Nigerian politicians nominated fairly-used cars in the budget. While there may be questions around 'what the community needs' one is also forced to ask immediately: why second hand cars when there are local car manufacturing companies in the country that can be engaged? Welcome to Gumau, where fairly-used cars were delivered as budget items.

In September 2020, Tracka held a town hall meeting with Gumau community residents to inform them of this project. The residents said they preferred the money was used to provide basic amenities for them because this type of project only benefits party loyalists. In January 2021, twenty-seven fairly-used Galaxy and Sharon cars labelled 'Donation' were distributed to people. The distribution took place in Gumau, the senator's hometown.

The beneficiary groups were drawn from Alkaleri, Kirfi, Bauchi, Dass, Tafawa Balewa, Bogoro, and Toro Local Government Areas. In conclusion, the

feedback from the constituents also revealed that the senator handpicked and distributed the cars to his party loyalists and other religious associations indebted to him for selfish political gains.

Beyond the selection criteria, the project value is also a curious case: how will the distribution of such cars benefit the community at large? The cost of each car is a little over N2.5m, this was way above the market cost of such cars at the time.

**Project:** Construction and Equipping of Maternal and Child Health Clinic with Staff Quarters at Selected Wards of Ganjuwa LGA

**Location:** Gunjura Community

**Amount:** N28,000,000

**Status:** Uncompleted

With its high maternal mortality, Nigeria needs to continue increasing its efforts to ensure that mothers and their children do not die at birth. One of the ways to do this is to ensure that maternal healthcare clinics are equipped with the qualified personnel who are available always, especially in times of emergency.

This was perhaps the motive behind this project which has remained unexecuted. In May 2021, Tracka visited Gungura to create awareness on the project. In June 2021, we conducted a town hall meeting in the community and encouraged them to follow up

on the project. It is paradoxical that even though the residents who are domiciled in the community insist that the project remains undone, the lawmaker claims that the project is 100% completed.

According to the residents, what is the value of a clinic without medical equipment? How can they go to an empty clinic to get care when they are sick? The residents wonder. Despite the confusion, they insist that they will not relent until the full project is delivered to them.



**With its high maternal mortality, Nigeria needs to continue increasing its efforts to ensure that mothers and their children do not die at birth.**





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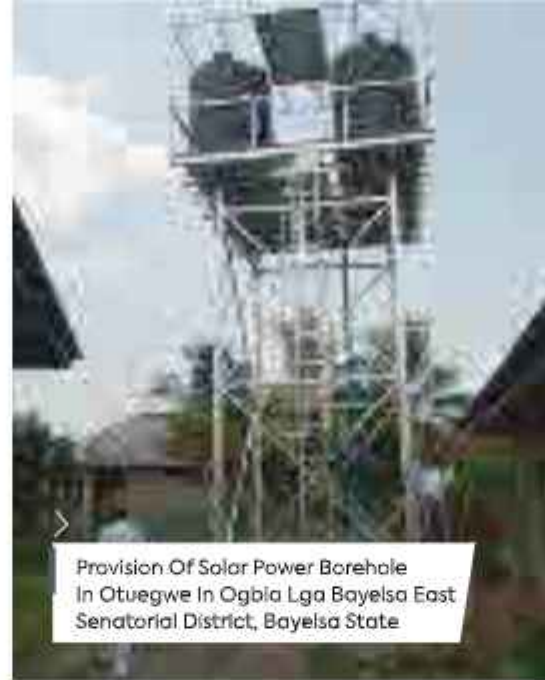
Bayelsa State →



Supplies and Capacity Building Equipment for youths in Nembe Local Government Area



Construction Of Alabiri Civic Centre Inkeremor LGA



Provision Of Solar Power Borehole In Otuegwe In Ogbia Lga Bayelsa East Senatorial District, Bayelsa State

**Project:** Provision Of Solar Power Borehole In Otuegwe In Ogbia Lga Bayelsa East Senatorial District, Bayelsa State  
**Status:** Completed  
**Amount:** N18,000,000

After a series of engagements with Otuegwe Community in Ogbia Local Government Area on the above project, some of the youths did not know of the project's existence. The lawmaker, Honourable Obua Fred, felt he was disgraced by letting the community know about the project. Immediately, he constructed an 8,000 water tank

alongside the borehole. He has since handed it over to the community for use.

**Project:** Construction Of Alabiri Civic Centre Inkeremor LGA  
**STATUS:** ABANDONED  
**AMOUNT:** #20,000,000

When Tracka visited the project site, it was undone. After our advocacy, work started. However, at the DPC level, the contractor stopped work stating that the terrain was difficult. Till date, the work has been left abandoned.

**Project:** Supplies and Capacity Building Equipment for youths in Nembe Local Government Area  
**Status:** Completed  
**Amount:** #63,000,000

On the 11th of December 2020, the House of Representative member representing Nembe/Brass Federal Constituency Honourable Israel Igoli, rolled out his empowerment items in Opu-Nembe community. The young beneficiaries of two communities (Opu-Nembe and Ogbolomabiri) were excited as they received the items—tricycles, motorcycles, sewing machines, hair dressing equipment and generator sets.



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Benue State



**Project:** Construction of Primary Healthcare Centre in Adija/Ugbokpo Ugboku and Ichogulogwu In Apa/Agatu Federal Constituency in Benue State  
**Location:** Adija/Ugbokpo Ugboku and Ichogulogwu  
**Amount:** N40,000,000  
**Status:** Abandoned

For democracy to work, it must impact the farthest communities in the country. Many times, these communities are the ones in urgent need of social amenities like good hospitals. This is the case with communities in the Adija/Ugbokpo Ugboku and Ichogulogwu axis of Benue

state. Largely farming communities, during the rainy season, residents are prone to malaria and they are forced to resort to self-medication because there are no healthcare facilities within close proximity.

And the few hospitals around are packed to the brim, increasing time spent at the hospital and reducing their productivity on their farms. During our visit to Adijan, we sensitised the residents on civic advocacy and distributed printed copies of the 2020 F.G budget. The village head affirmed there was previous construction on the health centre, but it fell apart.

The health centre had a daily population of about fifty patients coming from Ugbokpo/Agatu Ichogulogwu however, without hospital equipment and personnel now, patients travel more than 15 kilometres to seek medical attention. This line item is a pointer to how projects find their ways repeatedly into the budget and raises questions about the existing loopholes that make this possible.



**Project:** Construction and Furnishing of Guest Lounge by Korinya Town Hall.  
**Location:** Konshisha/Vandeikya Federal Constituency  
**Amount:** N32,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

On May 12, 2020, Tracka visited Korinya Konshisha/Vandeikya Federal Constituency on May 12 2020 for community awareness on the budgeting process. The youth leader confirmed that most projects nominated in their community were going well, and we confirmed this to be true. The town hall and guest lounge have been completed and are adequately equipped.



**Considering the federal nature of Nigerian democracy, government agencies spread their tentacles across the country, allowing them to operate from local communities and impact many rural areas.**



**Project:** Construction of FERMA Field Office  
**Location:** MAKURDI  
**Amount:** N68,400,000  
**Status:** Ongoing

Considering the federal nature of Nigerian democracy, government agencies spread their tentacles across the country, allowing them to operate from local communities and impact many rural areas. This was likely the case with this line item, considering the Federal Road Management Agency's work on roads across the country, opening up new routes to rural areas and connecting link roads between communities.

Upon visiting the FERMA state office headquarters in Benue to demand accountability, Tracka can confirm that even though the project is complete, it was built with substandard materials. This of course poses a risk to FERMA staff in case of collapse which also means that government resources will be wasted as a result of contractors' desire to shortchange the citizens.

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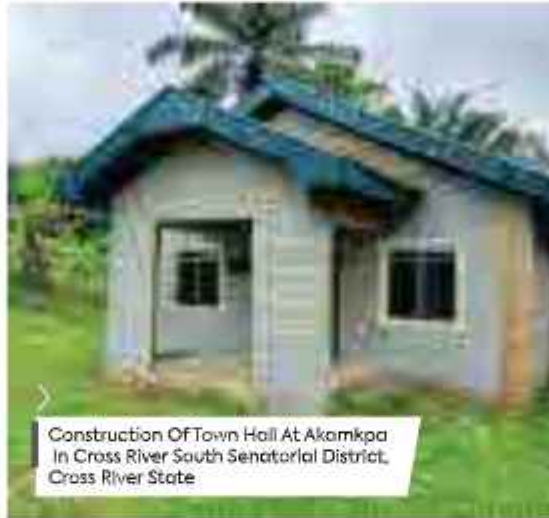


State ▾

Cross River State



Procurement and Installation Of 300kva Transformer at Effiong Effiom Close, Off Jeb Road, Calabar South LGA



Construction Of Town Hall At Akomkpa In Cross River South Senatorial District, Cross River State

**Project:** Procurement/ Installation of 300KVA Transformer at Effiong Effiom Close, Off Jeb Road, Calabar South LGA  
**Location:** Effiong Effiom Close  
**Amount:** N20,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

Effiong Effiom community in Calabar had been without electricity for two years. In 2020, a provision was made for the procurement and installation of a 300kva transformer. Tracka visited the community, still locked in darkness, on the 15th of January, 2021 to sensitise residents on the presence of the project in the budget.

The community youths' eyes were bright with excitement as they promised to ensure the delivery and installation of the transformer. A week later Tracka team visited the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) to inquire about the project, and officials said the transformer had not been received but promised to move swiftly once it is delivered to them for installation.

By February 2021, the youth leader notified Tracka about the commencement of the project. In May 2021, the installation was completed, and electricity was restored in the community.

**Project:** Construction of Town Hall at Akamkpa, Cross River South Senatorial District  
**Location:** Akamkpa  
**Amount:** N31,000,000  
**Status:** Not Done

Tracka visited Akamkpa town to sensitise the community to enable them to take ownership of this project. After this, a town hall meeting was organised on the 15th of January, 2021 on a civic advocacy visit; they were taught how to engage their representatives and demand for quality service delivery.

Despite residents' advocacy efforts, the town hall was never built. The youth leader further revealed that residents are not happy about the project because they have an existing five hundred capacity town hall. They would have preferred a block of classrooms, a solar-powered borehole, or a road project.



Procurement and Installation of 300 KVA Transformer at Effiong Effiom Close, off Jeb Road, Calabar South LGA



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Delta State



> Provision of Solar Street at Iselegu, Ndokwa West LGA.



> Aniocha Construction Equipping of Provision of Electricity at FMC Asaba Annex Aniocha Ukwu, Delta



> Igbodo, A block of three classrooms with VIP toilet at Emma Mbulu Primary School, Igbodo, Ika North East South Federal Constituency, Delta State

**Project:** Construction, Equipping, Provision of Electricity at FMC Asaba Annex

**Location:** Aniocha North Federal Constituency

**Amount:** N300,000,000

**Status:** Abandoned

The provision of electricity is important to healthcare as hospitals need electricity to function, especially during surgeries. Yet, for many Nigerian hospitals round-the-clock electricity is a luxury as there have been cases of operations executed by torchlights, putting patients' lives in danger. Perhaps, this line item was in response

to this challenge. In August 2020, Tracka visited Onicha Uku community in Aniocha North Local Government Area and engaged the residents in comprehensive civic sensitisation.

In December 2020, it was reported by the community that a solar-powered borehole was constructed, and an industrial generator was supplied to the project site. Workers did not revisit the site. The project has been abandoned. Tracka will continue in her advocacy to ensure quality service delivery.



**Project:** A Block of Three Classrooms with VIP Toilet at Emma Mbulu Primary School, Ika North-East Federal Constituency  
**Location:** Igbodo Community  
**Amount:** N8,000,000  
**Status:** Not Started

Emma Mbulu Primary School serves the community and other neighbouring communities' educational needs. This project was first nominated in the 2019 budget, construction started and was abandoned after roofing. We visited the community in May 2020, and there was no construction work. Tracka revisited the school in October 2020 and observed that the learning condition was unfavourable. The school management and teaching staff complained of the dilapidated toilet system and the school facility.

A month after, Tracka conducted a civic engagement exercise for the school management, indigenes and community leaders. They were sensitised on steps to engage their elected representatives on nominated projects. To date, no contractor has shown up on-site, and learning conditions remain unfavourable. If the students of Emma Mbulu will continue to have access to quality education, then this project

remains important. We continue to work with the school administration and the community to ensure that the project is delivered.

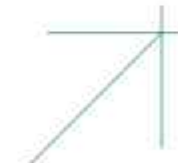
**Project:** Installation of Solar Powered Street Light  
**Location:** Ndokwa East Federal Constituency  
**Amount:** N13,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

Electricity, especially at night, is key to security. As such, this project has a direct impact on improving community security, strengthening community ties and transforming the socio-economic status of the community. In September 2020, Tracka visited the Iselegu community in Ndokwa East LGA to inspect the project line item.

In April 2021, we revisited for physical examination, and it was seen that twenty solar street lights were supplied and installed. The solar street lights are working perfectly and presently serving the community.



**If the students of Emma Mbulu will continue to have access to quality education, then this project remains important.**



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Ebonyi State



Isado Road Project After Execution



**Project:** Reconstruction of Oso – Owutu Road.  
**Location:** Edda, Afikpo South LGA, Ebonyi State.  
**Amount:** N273,540,000.00  
**Status:** Abandoned

Bad roads in Nigeria lead to failed dreams and lost hopes. Dreams die during accidents and hope is lost for many farmers whose agricultural produce rot on the road to the markets. This was the state of Ominyi Road, an interstate business route for farmers and traders who journeyed between Ebonyi and Cross River states.

Tracka visited this project site on the 20th of October 2020 but the project

was yet to commence. We visited again on the 9th of March, 2021 and discovered the project was plastered with earthen sand instead of a butter-surface dressing material that can withstand rains.

Despite the shoddy work done, the residents are happy because it has reduced their stress and transportation cost of plying the road. However, from our past engagements with similar poorly executed projects, it is only a matter of time before the road returns to its deplorable state.

**Project:** Construction of a New Administrative Block.  
**Location:** Akanu-Ibiam Federal Polytechnic, Unwana Afikpo LGA, Ebonyi State.  
**Amount:** N17,093,099  
**Status:** Not Completed

Tracka visited this project site on the 17th of October, 2020 and discovered work was ongoing. We visited again on the 30th of May, 2021, but the project was still as we found it during our first visit.

**Project:** Reconstruction of Oso-Owutu Road  
**Location:** Edda, Afikpo South LGA  
**Amount:** N273,540,000  
**Status:** Abandoned

Tracka visited this project site in October 2020 and discovered work has stopped on the road project. When we probed further, we were informed that the work stopped due to the non-return of the facilitator of the project, Senator Sonni Ugborji, back to the Senate.





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Edo State



Iguobazuwa



Leather Material

**Project:** Construction of Skill Acquisition Centres in Iguobazuwa Community, Ovia Federal Constituency  
**Location:** Iguobazuwa Community  
**Amount:** N100,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

Tracka visited the Iguobazuwa community on the 14th of October 2020 to sensitize the residents on the project and encouraged them to engage the authorities in charge and demand accountability.

On May 28th, 2021, we visited the community to ascertain the level of implementation. We discovered the project has been completed and already in use.

**Project:** Training of Youths and Women in Owan East/West Federal Constituency on Leather Works  
**Location:** Owan East and West LGA  
**Amount:** N21,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

Tracka visited communities in Owan East and West LGAs for a project awareness meeting with community stakeholders and residents. After this sensitisation, the community leaders took steps to ensure that the project is implemented.

On the 17th of February, 2021, fifty participants were selected from the 22 wards across the two LGAs to participate in a one-week entrepreneurial training. The trainees were also empowered with the necessary equipment to enable them to set up their businesses and build upon the skills learnt on leather works.



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Ekiti State



Construction of poultry pen in Ijesha ISU Ekiti (ongoing projects)



solar powered borehole in Iwaji Ekiti Efan LG\_Completed 1



**Project:** Construction of Poultry Pens, Fish Ponds in Ekiti North Federal Constituency

**Location:** Ikole/Oye Ekiti

**Amount:** N38,000,000

**Status:** Ongoing

On August 10, 2020, a Monday, the Tracka team visited the Ijesha Isu community in Ekiti. The skies were cloudy as though the rain was awaiting our arrival before emptying itself on the earth—much needed water to parched earth. As we sensitised the community on how to engage their representatives on community projects, they were

open to new learning, like plant roots to the rainwater. The item was one that they needed in their community as they bemoaned their lack of agricultural equipment to increase their productivity. More than learning, they were quick to act: they wrote letters and spoke to their representative repeatedly until something happened.

During our second visit to the community in April 2021, the project was already ongoing. It is expected that upon the completion of this project, there would be a major market for cheap feedstuffs, organic manure for the fish ponds, and fertilisers for cultivation which would lead to an increase in the economic growth of the community.

**Project:** Procurement and Installation of 500KVA Transformer at Oke Owa Street, Ejelo Palace Compound, Ayetoro, Ido/Osi LGA.  
**Location:** Ayetoro  
**Amount:** N20,000,000  
**Status:** Not Started

Tracka visited the Usi Ekiti community in Ido/Osi LGA on the 8th of November, 2020 to sensitise the community members on the provision of this project in the 2020 budget. When we paid a second visit on 18th of April 2021, the project had not commenced even though 100% of the funds had been released by the Federal Government of Nigeria to the Federal Ministry of Power. We charged the community representative not to relent in engaging their elected representative and the ministry in charge.

**Project:** Construction and Installation of Solar Boreholes in Ijero/Ekiti West/Efon Alaye  
**Location:** Ijero/Ekiti West/Efon Alaye  
**Amount:** N50,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

In many rural communities across Nigeria, access to potable water is considered a luxury. Many have to walk several miles in search of water, and in most cases, it is not drinkable, consequently, exposing residents to water-borne diseases.

To prevent such occurrences, projects like this are important, not only to provide potable water but to ensure that electricity supply is not an impediment to constant water supply. On the 6th of November, Tracka visited the Iwaji community in Efon LGA on a sensitisation drive. The community was indeed thirsty for the water project and they took charge of overseeing it.

Afterwards, the funds were released. Three months later, their thirst had been quenched as five overhead solar tank boreholes had been constructed.



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Enugu State



Construction of 1 No.6 Class Rooms Block for Modern Primary School Amansiodo Oghe, Ezeagu LGA, Enugu State.



Amebo Erosion Project In Owelli - Enugu State

**Project:** Construction of 1 No 6 Classroom Blocks for Modern Primary School, Amansiodo, Oghe, Ezeagu LGA, Enugu West  
**Location:** Modern Primary School, Amansiodo  
**Amount:** N15,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

In December 2020, Tracka visited the school premises to distribute printed copies of the 2020 FG budget to the school authorities. We also encouraged them to follow-up with their representative. In March 2021, Tracka revisited the Amansiodo

project site and discovered that work was ongoing. The foreman on site said the work would continue for the next three months. When we revisited the community in June 2021, the block of 6 classrooms had been completed.

**Project:** Amebo Erosion Control Project  
**Location:** Awgu LGA, Enugu West Senatorial District  
**Amount:** N15,000,000  
**Status:** Not Done

Amebo community is located near Agbogugu in Awgu LGA. The residents are predominantly farmers, and they cultivate crops like rice, cassava, yam, vegetables and plantain but the Amebo rural road is presently in a terrible condition due to erosion that destroys the road every rainy season.

This continues to affect their source of living. In November 2020, Tracka engaged residents of Amebo and challenged them to demand accountability from their representatives. In January 2021, they found out that the project work was

ongoing at Ugho community. Honourable Toby Okechukwu, who nominated the project, had situated the project in his hometown. Residents were told to engage their representative in an emergency meeting to demand why a project for Amebo community was being executed in Ugho.

The honourable member replied that the project was for the ward, not Amebo, so it can be implemented anywhere in Owelli. The president general, youths, women, and elders of Amebo planned a protest and wrote letters to the ministers and other stakeholders. The project remains undone.

**Project:** Provision and Installation of Solar Street Light in Isu-awaa  
**Location:** Awgu LGA  
**Amount:** N5,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

When there is light in a community, security challenges are also mitigated. This was what happened after the project was executed in Isu-awaa after we engaged the community in August 2020. During our meeting, the community's chief security officer complained about how the lack of light affects them.

In addition to the security challenges, they also

had water problems. With the solar street lights, some of these challenges will be a thing of the past. He pleaded that though the solar street light will be of great help to residents, the state and the federal government should also help them construct a motorised borehole and provide a transformer for power improvement.

In May 2021, Tracka revisited the site and discovered that the constituency project had been executed. Sixty-two poles of solar street lights were mounted and are currently in use.





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Gombe State



Completion of administrative block at ECWA theological college zambuk



Construction of administrative block at Federal government college Bilin



Construction of portable water at pindiga, Tunfure and others in Gombe

**Project:** Construction of Admin Block at ECWA Theology College (Christian Academy, Zambuk), Yalmatu Deba

**Location:** Zambuk

**Amount:** N19,000,000

**Status:** Completed

The story of this line item is the story of a project that has made repeated appearances in the nation's budget. It is also a project that raises questions about the integrity of the budgeting process. This is it, in brief: In 2018, this particular project was nominated at the cost of N20m; in 2019, the project was nominated again but not

completed; in 2020, it found its way into the budget again at the cost of N19m. Every year since 2018, Tracka has visited the school; sensitised and enlightened the community on the need to follow up and engage their representatives on completing the project, and they did. After a series of engagements by the community residents, the project was completed and commissioned on the 15th of May, 2021.

According to the school management and community residents, the work was executed satisfactorily. The Zambuk story is also a story of tenacity, of persistently knocking at a door until you receive what you want, and to taste. While this should not be the norm, this is what is required for development to reach many Nigerian communities. This is what is required for citizens to build the Nigeria of their dreams.

**Project:** Provision of Potable Water at Pindiga, Tunfure and Others.  
**Location:** Parts of Akko Federal Constituency  
**Amount:** N39,000,000  
**Status:** Unspecified Location

The issue of unspecified project location has been a norm in the Nigerian budget. Allocating a project to 'parts of..' usually amounts to discrepancies. In this case for instance, Akko Local Government Area is the biggest local government in Gombe state, with three emirate councils and over 100 communities.

This made the project difficult to track due to its unspecified location. Tracking projects like this is like looking for a needle in a haystack. We call on all MDAs to identify exact project locations, especially Zonal Intervention Projects (ZIP) and Economic Recovery Growth Plan (ERGP) projects, for ease of citizen monitoring.

**Project:** Construction of Administrative Block at FGC, Billiri  
**Location:** Billiri  
**Amount:** N50,500,000  
**Status:** Not Done

It was a bright Tuesday morning on the 18th of May 2021, when the Tracka team walked into the compounds of FGC Billiri for a sensitisation session on the 2020 ERGP projects in the school.

During the session, we realised that out of the five projects allocated to the school, one was not executed: the construction of an administrative block. According to the school management, the money that was supposed to be used for the construction was diverted.



**The issue of unspecified project location has been a norm in the Nigerian budget.**





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Imo State



**Project:** Construction of Modern Market (with Abattoir) at Afor Obazu, Mbaitoli LGA, Imo East Senatorial District  
**Location:** Afor Obazu  
**Amount:** N30,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

It was a bright day in September 2020 when the Tracka team first visited Afor Obazu community to engage them on the project allocation in their community in the 2020 federal budget. However, the community was in the dark about the existence of such a project for their community.

Two months later, Tracka held a town hall meeting with members and community heads of the community to enlighten them on civic engagement. We also answered their questions on this particular project allocation.

Even though the project was a welcome initiative by the community heads, they complained that it was a misplaced priority, as the existing market stalls were supposed to be renovated instead of new market stalls being constructed. By February 2021, the project was nearing completion.

Although, the communities disagreed concerning the sole beneficiaries of the project. The community consists of seven villages, and previously, the government had never done anything in the community without agreement from the entire villages. After the conflict was resolved, the project was fully completed in March 2021.



**Project:** Construction of 1 Block of Classroom in Ndegwu Community Primary School, Owerri West LGA.

**Location:** Umuahum, Ndegwu.

**Amount:** N14,000,000

**Status:** Completed

The Tracka team visited the Ndegwu community for the first time in September 2020 to sensitize them on the allocation of 14m naira to construct a classroom block in Ndegwu Primary School, the only government primary school within the area.

The community emphasised the need for more schools in the community even though they were unaware of that particular project. On the 28th of September, 2020, Tracka held a town hall meeting in the community. We guided the residents to write a letter to their representative to request project updates, which they did, but there was no response. By the 5th of January, 2021, the project had been completed but was yet to be put to use.

**Project:** Renovation of Health Centre in Okrika Nweke, Akpim Ahiazu, Mbaise, Ahiazu Mbaise LGA.

**Location:** Okrika Nweke.

**Amount:** N5,000,000

**Status:** Completed but not equipped.

'Health is wealth,' goes a popular saying that connects the importance of good health to wealth. However, good health is difficult to achieve without the maintenance of quality healthcare facilities. Before this line item was added to the budget, the health centre at Okrika Nweke was in a poor state. The renovation of the centre was important to the health and wealth of the people. The Tracka team visited the community in September 2020, distributed printed copies of the 2020 FG budget to residents, encouraging them to follow up on project implementation and demand for accountability from their elected representatives.

Due to the bad state of the health centre, residents travel far to neighbouring communities for medical treatment. In March 2021, despite the renovation, the centre still lacked hospital equipment, medical supplies, and staff, rendering the centre useless. The matron says they still need medical equipment and staff, fencing of the centre, and construction of patients' toilets. While this may not be included in the budget, renovating a health facility is not enough, for its uses to be maximised, it has to be stocked with medical equipment.



Renovation of Health Centre in Okrika Nweke, Akpim, Ahiazu Mbaise, Imo State



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Kaduna State



**Project:** Rehabilitation of University Centre Store  
**Location:** Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna  
**Amount:** N19,148,960  
**Status:** Abandoned

discovered that no work had commenced.

**Project:** Construction and Furnishing of Classroom Block at Ikarji, North Senatorial District  
**Location:** Ikarji  
**Amount:** N200,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

For students to maximise education, it has to be delivered in convenient classrooms. This is not the case in many Nigerian public schools: many classes are cramped and under-equipped with the right facilities to aid learning. The school in Ikarji is no exception.

During a Tracka awareness visit to the school, the vice principal, Mr Abdul narrated the school's ordeal. "We had to start using the classrooms before it was completed because we are desperately in need of classrooms. After the completion of the blocks of classrooms, there was no furniture. Then the contractors overseeing the project came with some documents for me to sign to testify that the project is completed, but I refused and



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demanded the bill of quantity. Not until then did they furnish the classrooms.”When we revisited the site on the 10th of May, 2021, the project was completed, well-furnished, and in use.

**Project:** Supply of Grinding, Sewing and Leatherwork Machines in Idon, Kajuru LGA  
**Location:** Idion  
**Amount:** N10,000,000  
**Status:** Not Started

On the 5th of February 2020, when Tracka visited the community, they were unaware of the project. After our visit, they began to seek ways to engage their representatives so that their community can benefit from the project. However, despite their efforts, the project is yet to commence.

“The community has applied all avenues to reach out to the government concerning the empowerment project after Tracka civic engagement to no avail,” said the community head. The community also believes that the

project is not a priority for them as it is not as urgent as their need for schools, primary healthcare centres, and boreholes. In fact, for the past ten years, the community has been in darkness as there is no electricity, and this has stunted community development. This shows their representative has lost touch with the community and their needs.



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Kano State



Training and empowerment of youth in Ajingi Albasu LGA Kano state 2



Construction of blocks of classrooms with furniture in Gezawa Gabasawa Federal constituency Kano state 1

**Project:** Construction of Blocks of Classrooms with Furniture in Gezawa/ Gabasawa Federal Constituency  
**Location:** Gezawa LGA  
**Amount:** N100,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

With the continuous population growth of Nigeria, questions of the country's readiness to respond to future needs are imperative. How will the country prepare its largely young population for a fast evolving world? How will children be equipped with future skills today when classrooms are few? Government projects constantly struggle to respond to the need for quality education by

providing educational facilities, especially in the most rural parts of the nation.

That was why the people of Gezawa LGA were excited when this project was completed. On the 5th of June 2021, Tracka visited Gezawa LGA for community engagement meetings aimed to monitor the execution of the 2020 federal constituency budget item in the local government.

There had been the problem of congestion and overcrowding affecting the school, which is a learning obstacle. Finally, the demands by the community members of Gezawa LGA influenced the execution of a block of three classrooms with furniture which was delivered in Ketawa, Babawa and Dan-Madanhu wards respectively. Residents confirmed that the newly constructed classroom blocks have helped in addressing the issue of congestion and overcrowding; it has also provided a more comfortable learning environment.



**Project:** Training and Empowerment of Youth in Ajingi/Albasu LGA  
**Location:** Albasu and Ajingi LGA  
**Amount:** N10,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

On the 16th of November, 2020, Tracka visited Ajingi and Albasu to track the execution of the project captured in the 2020 budget and discovered it was yet to be delivered. We revisited the communities on the 6th of April, 2021 and observed the community residents were actively interested in this project.

But their hopes were dashed when their representative, Honourable Abdullahi Gaya, distributed ten thousand naira (N10,000) and two goats each to fifteen people selected from the two LGAs Ajingi and Albasu. This project execution is a far cry from the amount budgeted for it: the total value of the project cannot be higher than five million naira.

Consequently, this raises questions of accountability on how the money was spent. The residents lamented that the 10 million naira initiated for the project could do much more in bettering people's

lives. They lamented the many schools, boreholes and roads it could build and the ways their lives could be better. However, they only have regrets from a poorly executed project.

**Project:** Provision of Agricultural Equipment for Farmers in Gezawa/Gabasawa Federal Constituency  
**Location:** Gabasawa LGA  
**Amount:** N50,000,000  
**Status:** Not Done

On the 7th of December, 2020, Tracka visited Gabasawa LGA for an engagement meeting with the community heads to facilitate the execution of the public projects captured in the 2020 federal constituency projects.

They took it upon themselves to ask questions and demand transparency and accountability to facilitate project implementation.

On the 10th of June 2021, we revisited Gabasawa LGA and confirmed the project had not been implemented. We engaged the chairman of the farmers' association in the Gabasawa Local Government Area, and he revealed no agricultural equipment was supplied in their area.



With the continuous population growth of Nigeria, questions of the country's readiness to respond to future needs are imperative.



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State ▾

Katsina State →



Ongoing Construction at FUDMA



Completed Solar streetlights at Safana

**Project:** Construction Of 2 Numbers of One-Storey Faculty Building  
**Location:** Federal University Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State  
**Amount:** N80,674,684  
**Status:** Ongoing

The Federal University Dutsin-Ma is a relatively young university that began operations in 2011. Just as a child, it continues to grow with new buildings sprouting every now and then. Yet, it still lacks a conducive teaching and learning environment.

This project was nominated to solve

this problem, but no progress has been recorded on it yet. When Tracka visited the university in June 2021, no work was ongoing on the project site, and the people confirmed that it had been a while since any work was done at the project site.

**Project:** Supply and Installation of Solar Street Lights in Safana Town, Safana Local Government Area  
**Location:** Safana Town  
**Amount:** N50,000,000  
**Status:** Done

Safana Local Government Area is among the Local Government Areas being affected by banditry in Katsina State. The darkness in the community has aided banditry as the bandits operate at night in the dark.

During our visit to the community in March 2021, we confirmed that 27 solar street lights were supplied and installed at strategic locations in the town. Residents say this has helped to a large extent in securing the town as bandits can no longer have a field day operating in the dark.

**Project:** Provision of Fertilisers and Farm Inputs for Farmers in Bakori/Danja Federal Constituency of Katsina State

**Location:** Bakori and Danja Local Government Areas

**Amount:** N40,000,000

**Status:** Not Done

The people of Bakori and Danja Federal Constituency are predominantly farmers, so this project is important. But their hopes have been dashed because, as of June 29, 2021, the project was yet to commence.



Not Done project for Farm implements, Fertilizer Bakori



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State ▾

Kebbi State



Rehabilitation and Supply of Medical Equipment to Argungu General Hospital In Kebbi North senatorial District



Electrification of Rafin Kwakwa, Kwere, Zuru LGA

**Project:** Rehabilitation and Supply of Medical Equipment at Argungu General Hospital, Kebbi North Senatorial District

**Location:** Argungu

**Amount:** N100,000,000

**Status:** Completed

This project involved two main deliverables—the rehabilitation of the hospital and the supply of medical equipment—however, neither of the deliverables was well executed. Even the project execution seems to have worsened the hospital's state, making it further difficult for residents to access quality healthcare. On the 28th of

September, 2020, the Tracka team paid a visit to the fishing community for an advocacy campaign on the rehabilitation of the general hospital. The hospital's old zinc roofing sheets were replaced with modern roofing sheets quite alright however, the old zinc roofing sheet was used to replace some of the renovated wards and the equipment was supplied.

This worsened the state of such wards, turning them into puddles during the rainy season, exposing patients to malaria and making quality healthcare farther from the community. While the medical equipment was also supplied, what was delivered was lower than the budget sum. For a project allocated such a huge sum, it was expected that the project delivery would be top-notch, however, what was done is a far cry from what the budget line item.



**Project:** Electrification of Rafin Kwakwa, Kwere, Zuru LGA Tunfure and Others.

**Location:** Rafin Kwakwa

**Amount:** N50,000,000

**Status:** Ongoing

The arrival of electricity to any community usually spells the commencement of development. For several years, the Rafin Kwakwa community has been in the dark due to the lack of electricity. On the 13th of October, 2020, during a visit to Rafin Kwakwa, the Tracka team discovered that the electrification project was abandoned. Residents wore long faces as they bemoaned the dearth of economic activities caused by the lack of power.

They were unhappy about the project's situation as they were so close to light yet could not see it. According to them, the project would have replaced the noise pollution from generators with calm, and the economic lull with growing businesses. Tracka has repeatedly called on the MDAs, and the authorities concerned online and offline to ensure that the contractor returns to the site so that people of Rafin Kwakwa can smile again.

**Project:** Drilling of two boreholes and overhead tanks in Aliero Local Government Area, Kebbi Central Senatorial District

**Location:** Unspecified

**Amount:** N20,000,000

**Status:** Unspecified Location

Kebbi Central Senatorial District comprises several communities and local government areas. So, when a project is labelled as domiciled in a local government in the senatorial district, where do you begin your search? The lack of information on the specific location of this project means that the people of the district are unable to track the project and hold their representatives accountable.

While this act is not strange—as it passes through MDAs yearly and contracts have been awarded—it needs to stop. We call on the MDAs to unmask the location of projects like this to enable evaluation, to deliver the dividends of democracy to the people of the district.



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Kogi State



Training & Empowerment of farmers in Adavi and Okehi federal constituency kogi state



Training & Empowerment of farmers in Adavi and Okehi federal constituency kogi state



Training & Empowerment of farmers in Adavi and Okehi federal constituency kogi state

**Project:** Training and Empowerment of Farmers in Adavi/Okehi Federal Constituency

**Location:** Adavi/Okehi Town

**Amount:** N63,000,000

**Status:** Completed

For rural farmers in Adavi/ Okehi areas of Kogi, training and modern farming methods are integral to increasing agricultural yield. So when they heard about the project aimed at doing just that, from the Tracka team, they were excited as it would reduce unemployment in their community. In September 2020, the lawmaker

organised a three-day farming and empowerment training for over 400 community youths.

They were trained on fish, poultry, snail, piggery, rice, cassava and maize farming. At the end of the training exercise, the trainees were empowered with cassava grinding machines, planters, poultry equipment, and other agricultural machinery.





**Project:** Provision and Installation of Cassava Processing Machine in Osara-Ngada, Adavi LGA, Kogi Central Senatorial District, Kogi State.  
**Location:** Osara-Ngada community  
**Amount:** N25,000,000  
**Status:** Not Done

Osara-Ngada village in Adavi community area has the highest number of cassava farmers in Kogi state. However, the economic impact of their small-scale farming is limited due to restricted resources to process their cassava, and more than half of the community lives in poverty.

In September 2020, Tracka visited the community for advocacy on the provision and installation of cassava processing machines being nominated on behalf of the community via the senator representing the senatorial district. Farmers told us that at least 60% of cassava is lost in garri processing, and they incur high post-harvest losses despite the intensive application of labour.

The farming women in the Osara-Ngada community lose time in post-harvest cassava processing—peeling, washing, grating and frying. There is loss of income when buyers reject the produce, and sometimes the garri flour turns out toxic—a threat to food security in the community. When we revisited the community in April 2021,

the project was yet to be executed. If the project is executed, it will transition the farmers into modern enhanced farming, create job employment for the youth, thereby reducing the poverty rate in the Osara-Ngada community.

**Project:** Completion of Rural Access Road in Irukuoghokoko Farm Centre in Osara, Adavi LGA Kogi State  
**Location:** Irukuoghokoko Community  
**Amount:** N40,000,000  
**Status:** Not Completed

The connection of farming communities to markets is integral to maximising the agricultural value chain. However, across Nigeria most of the produce rot away as they make long journeys to the marketplace, from where they journey to the plate. This was perhaps the case in the Irukuoghokoko community, leading to the budget item aimed at fixing the link roads between the farm centre and neighbouring communities. On the 17th of September, 2020, Tracka visited the community, and after our engagement, the community members promised to engage their representative to ensure the completion of the road.

A visit to the community in April 2021 revealed that a contractor visited the community two

months before, claiming that they are from the federal government to put the road in better shape. Fortunately, the road was only graded with drainages but not adequately done. The drainages were only set with blocks rather than casted.

For a road project that involves the movement of goods, this leaves a sour taste in the mouth. If the Irukuoghokoko Farm Centre would live up to its potential, the road would have to be fixed. If the farmers in Kogi state are going to maximise their economic potential, then more attention needs to be paid to this project.



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State ▾

Kwara State



Provision of empowerment materials in kalama\_Baruten Federal constituency



Provision of empowerment materials in kaiama\_Baruten Federal constituency



Provision of school materials for schools in Kwara central senatorial district.

**Project:** Provision of School Materials for Primary School Pupils in Kwara Central Senatorial District

**Location:** Ilorin West LGA Secretariat, Warrah

**Amount:** N15,000,000

**Status:** Completed

In 2019 and 2020, after the lockdown was eased, Tracka had held repeated community sensitisation meetings with different youth groups such as Gambari Youth Heritage (Ilorin East LGA), Oju-Ekun Youth Development Association (Ilorin West LGA) within Kwara Central Senatorial District about the importance of this project.

Months after these engagements, the

project was delivered to the schools. During the presentation, the education secretaries of the four LGAs in the senatorial district were present to receive the educational materials on behalf of their local governments for distribution to the primary schools in their respective areas. The school materials supplied were 7,500 common entrance books, 1,450 mathematical sets, 17,000 exercise books, and 850 school bags.

Residents of the communities commended the senator for the project. They urged him to extend it to secondary schools, noting that the gesture will alleviate some burden off parents of the benefitting pupils.



**Project:** Upgrade and Development of Owu Falls, Owa Kajola, Ifelodun LGA and Construction of Access Road and Upscaling of Eromola Waterfall in Idofin, Oke-ero LGA, Kwara South Senatorial District  
**Location:** Owa Kajola and Idofin  
**Amount:** N50,000,000  
**Status:** Ongoing

It is the breeze you feel first when you visit the waterfalls. Then, you hear the crashing sounds of the water splashing on rocks. The beauty of nature overwhelms you as you are puzzled about the potentials of tourism for national development.

Welcome to Owu Waterfalls. Welcome to Eromola Waterfalls. In March 2020, when Tracka engaged the residents of Idofin in Oke-Ero LGA to inform them of the budgetary provision for the tourist attraction centre in their community, the King and his council of chiefs expressed dismay. They had erroneously believed that the project was a kind gesture from the senator representing Kwara South Senatorial District, Senator (Arc.) Lola Ashiru.

The access road leading to Eromola Waterfall in Idofin-Igbana, Oke-Ero LGA, has been graded and expanded. Also, a recreational centre where

tourists and visitors can relax was under construction. In Owu Waterfalls, workers were on-site in January 2021, constructing a recreational centre where tourists and visitors can relax. However, the access road remains in its poor state.

The King of Idofin-Igbana and his council of chiefs have resolved to follow up on the project's progress because of its economic impact on their community.

**Project:** Provision of Empowerment Materials for Women and Youths in Baturen/ Kaiama Federal Constituency  
**Location:** Kaiama  
**Amount:** N163,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

'Kaiama', is not just a town in the local government with the same name, it also means 'place of rest'. However, the people of the area who are largely farmers rarely have time to rest as they are busy working on their farms to make ends meet. Hopefully, the execution of this constituency project will bring some relief to residents.

In November 2020, Tracka held community sensitisation meetings with some community-

based organisations and youth groups in Baruten and Kaiama LGA, informing them of the budgetary provisions for their communities in the 2020 FG ZIP. They were excited about this and promised to engage their representatives, especially considering the high cost allocated to it.

In January 2021, Honourable Mohammed Omar Bio, representing Baruten/Kaiama Federal Constituency in the Federal House of Representatives, organised an 'empowerment programme' held at the secretariat of Kaiama LGA.

The criteria for selecting the beneficiaries was not transparent. However, 225 beneficiaries—including barbers, vulcanisers, farmers, bricklayers, tailors, welders, mechanics, motorcyclists, students and other artisans— received various items to help them start/sustain their

businesses.

The empowerment materials distributed were 300 bags of fertilisers, 150 spraying cans, 120 sewing machines, 120 grinding machines, 100 educational instructional materials, 50 bricklaying tools, 50 containers of herbicides, 45 barbering kits, 42 business take-off grants, 25 welding machines, 25 mechanical toolboxes, 25 vulcanising engines, 24 hand tillers, 10 Bajaj boxer motorcycles, 10 undergraduate scholarships, and 2 postgraduate scholarships.

Yet, like similar 'empowerment projects', there are questions: how can the huge sum of money allocated to the money only reach 225 beneficiaries—meaning each person received a little over N724, 000 which is not true considering the value of the distributed items? How did the representative arrive at the kind of items to buy? Who did he consult?

How sure is he that these items will be put to the intended use which will boost the overall economic growth of the constituency and not sold for cash which will only be for individual gain? Community consultation is integral to the budgeting process. While the people were

grateful, they lamented that they were not consulted to know their most pressing needs as a community. According to them, their needs include increased access to potable water, good road networks, and good schools.



Eromola Waterfalls in Idofin in Oke-Ero LGA.





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Lagos State



Distribution of 130 Laptops to Some SS1 Students in Ikeja Federal Constituency 1



Distribution of 130 Laptops to Some SS1 Students in Ikeja Federal Constituency 2



Provision of Empowerment Materials for Youths In Ikeja Federal Constituency1

**Project:** ICT Training and Provision of Empowerment Materials to Youths in Ikeja Federal Constituency  
**Amount:** N250,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

On 2nd February 2021, ICT study centres were commissioned in Ojodu Grammar School, Ojodu and Ogba Junior Grammar School, Ogba, Ikeja. In addition, 130 laptops were directly presented to the beneficiaries at Excellence Hotel, Ogba by the Member representing Ikeja Federal Constituency, Honourable James Abiodun Faleke. Also, 100 minibuses, grinding machines and 50 deep freezers were distributed to beneficiaries at Police College, Ikeja, on the 3rd of February 2021.

**Project:** Completion of Building for Craft Training School at Harvey, Yaba  
**Location:** Iwaya Road, Sabo  
**Amount:** N101,703,432  
**Status:** Ongoing

Tracka was denied entry into the project locations, and we were told that renovation was ongoing.

However, our findings show that no new structures were constructed for the project, existing building structures were only painted.

**Project:** Provision of Industrial Sewing Machines, Deep Freezers, Grinding Machines, Generators for Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency  
**Amount:** N24,600,000  
**Status:** Not Done

100% of the allocated amount has been released, yet nothing has been done. The member representing Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency at the House of Representatives, Honourable Oghene Emmanuel, should be probed on this project.



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State ▾

Nasarawa State



Renovation of Class Room Blocks At GSS Garaku, Kokona LGA, Nasarawa State.



Provision Installation of Solar Street Light



Supply of Hospital Equipments To PHC Loko and Kuvu in Nasarawa LGA, Nasarawa West Senatorial District, Nasarawa State.

**Project:** Supply of Hospital Equipment to PHC, Loko and Kuvu in Nasarawa LGA, Nasarawa West Senatorial District

**Location:** Loko/Kuvu

**Amount:** N20,000,000

**Status:** Completed

Hospitals without medical equipment are like a farm without land: on which earth will the farmer plant? However, this is the state of many healthcare centres in Nigeria—buildings without the required facilities to care for the

sick. In 2019, Honourable Senator Abdullahi Adamu representing the constituency oversaw the building of a PHC in the community, however, it was not used. The hospital lacked medical facilities. On the 15th of October, 2020, when Tracka visited the community, they lamented their inability to use the facility because of this lack.

So when they saw the supply of the equipment to the PHC in the budget publication, they were excited and promised to follow up with its execution. When we visited again on the 13th of March, 2021, we discovered that 61 equipment were supplied to the health centre. Twelve days later, the health centre was fully commissioned.



**Project:** Renovation of Classroom Blocks in GSS, Garaku Kokona LGA  
**Location:** Kokona  
**Amount:** N10,000,000  
**Status:** Poorly Executed

During Tracka's first visit to GSS GARAKU on the 3rd of October, 2020, we discovered that the classrooms' renovation was yet to be completed. Still, the community residents promised to send periodic updates on the progress of the work. We visited on the 17th of May 2021, and the project was completed but poorly executed.

The wall paintings were fading, and classrooms were leaking during the rainy season. The principal, teachers, and students were displeased with the renovation.

**Project:** Supply of Work Bulls and Implements in Gitata and Tatara Communities  
**Location:** Gitata and Tatara  
**Amount:** N95,000,000  
**Status:** Not Done

Tracka visited the communities on the 16th of December, 2020, to see if the project was being carried out. Community residents told us that they were unaware of the project and don't know anything about federal government consolidated and constituency projects.

On the 11th of June, 2021, we held a town hall meeting during which we enlightened the community on the importance of civic advocacy to nation building. We also encouraged them to demand for quality service delivery. Afterwards, they were determined to follow up with the projects in their community and ensure completion.



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State ▾

Niger State



**Project:** Construction of Primary Healthcare Centre at Gawu, Gurara Local Government Area, Niger East Senatorial District.

**Location:** Gawu Babangida

**Amount:** N50,000,000

**Status:** Completed

Proximity to quality healthcare is important to healthcare delivery. And primary healthcare centres (PHCs) are the closest to the people at the grassroots, however, they are few and far between. This makes access to quality healthcare burdensome—for those who make it—to travel for miles to access a good hospital. In February

2020, Tracka visited Gawu Babangida for an advocacy awareness meeting to examine the 2019 and 2020 budgets. During the meeting, the district head and community members said they were unaware of the projects nominated by their representatives for 2020.

However, following the meeting, they promised to engage their representatives to ensure project delivery. Two months later, after persistent calls to their representative, the community got an update on the project and delegates were sent to the community for assessment.

By November 2020, the project was completed—the PHC was built and adequately equipped—the people of Gawu Babangida no longer have to die on the road to medical care.

**Project:** Capacity Building in ICT for Youths, Girl-Child Education/Provision of Laptops in Niger East Senatorial District

**Location:**

**Amount:** N125,000,000

**Status:** Poorly Completed

The digital economy may be the future of the world, and for young Africans to compete in a fast evolving world, they need to be skilled with the right tools. Perhaps, this was the dream when this line item was nominated in the project. However, dreams are usually far from reality when it comes to the execution of many projects in the Nigerian budget. In September 2020, Tracka visited and sensitised this community on the budget processes and civic engagement.

Following their enthusiasm, they engaged their representatives; the project commenced in January and was completed in April. In May 2020, after persistent calls from the residents and our Twitter platform, the building was equipped with twenty computers and a back-up inverter. However, the solar panel was poorly connected. As at the time of reporting, the ICT centre was yet to be used as it awaits commissioning. Even after it is commissioned, there is fear that it may not be used by the community. The reality of the community residents was that they needed a healthcare facility more urgently than an ICT centre. According to

them, it is when our children are alive and healthy that they can 'press computer'. This further underscores Tracka's continuous calls for needs assessments as part of the budgeting process.

If the elected representative executed one, they would have been aware of the community's urgent needs. Thereby increasing the chances of the project's success as well as the sense of ownership by the community.

**Project:** Repair and Renovation of Physics, Chemistry and Biology Labs and Supply of Scientific Equipment for Secondary Schools in Agaie, Agaie/Lapai Federal Constituency

**Location:** Agaie

**Amount:** N28,000,000

**Status:** Abandoned

The nations that lead the world make scientific innovations their priority. How can Nigeria compete in the comity of nations when science labs are filled with dust rather than students excited to carry out experiments? How can young Nigerians discover the next local scientific novelty that can solve global problems? The answer may be in line items like this. In November 2020, Tracka held a meeting with the people of the Boku community and equipped them with information from the 2020 budget on projects within their community.

Two months later, we visited selected schools within the community where teachers and students complained about the deplorable state of the classrooms and hostels. Since then, follow-up calls have been made regarding the state of the projects, and nothing has been done. Residents are worried about the non-execution of the project despite 100% of funds released for 2020 constituency projects.

Residents say if the project is executed, it will not only improve students' ability to make new scientific discoveries but also to increase the standard of education in the community.



**The nations that lead the world make scientific innovations their priority**





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Ogun State



EGBADO COLLEGE COMPUTERS



Due to the lack of a government-owned medical facility, they depend on a small privately-owned makeshift facility which is usually overcrowded.



Isado Road Project After Execution

**Project:** Construction of Community Health Centre at Oloke-Ali, Ajebandele Ward, Ijebu East LGA  
**Location:** Oloke-Ali  
**Amount:** N20,000,000  
**Status:** Ongoing

For the people of Oloke Ali and its environs, healthcare is not a basic amenity. Due to the lack of a government-owned medical facility, they depend on a small privately-owned makeshift facility which is usually overcrowded. This made residents resort to herbs and concoctions as an alternative.

Tracka reached out to the leadership of one of the subset communities (Oloke Ali) on the proposed construction of a health centre in the community. We also engaged their representative Honourable Adesegun Adekoya on the status of the project. The health centre is currently under construction and is 60% completed.

**Project:** Rehabilitation of Isado Street, Ijebu-Ode, Ijebu-Ode LGA, Ogun East Senatorial District  
**Location:** Isado Street, Ijebu-Ode  
**Amount:** N40,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

Tracka engaged the Ijebu-Ode Local Government Community Development Council in a town hall meeting on Tuesday October 6, 2021. We enlightened them on the budgetary provisions and discovered that three out of the communities in the local government had road rehabilitation projects nominated in the budget. Isado's leaders called their representative, Senator Lekan Mustapha, to affirm the authenticity of Tracka's claim, after which they



demanding the project implementation procedures and plans. At some point, a resident saw one of our Twitter infographics specifying the project title, amount, and the facilitator's face, saved it and made it into a big banner that was hung in a strategic location within the community.

This sparked a lot of reactions within the community and also infuriated the senator. When the project commenced, the residents took ownership by specifying the quality they desired from the contractor. The project was stopped twice on the community's order when they were not getting the quality they wanted from the contractor.

The project is now complete, to the taste of the community. The story of the construction of Isaac street is a story of collaboration, of how online engagement can have offline impact, of how one individual can spark communal action. When these forces are in sync, change happens, just as it did on Isado Street.

**Project:** Construction of ICT Centre, Renovation of Residents' Hostels and the Provision of a Set of Generator for Egbado College, Ogun West Senatorial District  
**Location:** Egbado College  
**Amount:** N200,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

Tracka met with the school authorities and youth body of Ilaro, Egbado South, the host community of the project on Friday, the 12th of June 2020, and sensitised them on the project using our Zonal Intervention Project publication. Though the community was skeptical about the project, we encouraged them to ask their representative—Senator Odebiyi Tolulope, who would be facilitating the project implementation—about it. In April 2021, the ICT centre was completed.

Both the male and female hostels were renovated with mattresses and other hostel materials supplied. A generator was provided to power the ICT centre and hostel. Street lights were also installed in the school to illuminate the entire school compound. The school authorities informed the senator that there was no internet facility in the ICT hub, and he said that would be rectified, but it is yet to be done.



Ongoing Oloke Ali health centre construction



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State ▾

Ondo State



ICT ILE-OLUJI POLYTECHNIC



50 HEACTERS CULTIVATION

**Project:** Construction of a 500-Seater ICT Complex Including Computers and Other Facilities

**Location:** Federal Polytechnic, Ile-Oluji

**Amount:** N517,018,025

**Status:** Completed

Established in 2014, Federal Polytechnic Ile-oluji has continued to expand over the years, however, with the lack of an ICT complex, its students are not able to compete in a tech-driven world.

Considering the hands-on nature of polytechnics, this provision will go a long way towards improving the status of the polytechnic in the state and the nation at large. In December 2020, Tracka visited the school and

confirmed the project was completed and in use. Students of the school were happy because it will advance their technological prowess and make them equipped to compete internationally.

**Project:** Clearing, Cultivation and Cropping of 50 Hectares of Arable Land in Six Local Government Areas in Ondo North Senatorial District

**Location:** Ondo North Senatorial District

**Amount:** N50,000,000

**Status:** Ongoing

At first glance, this looks like a laudable project, as farming is the primary occupation of the residents in this senatorial district. However, like all other projects like this, there are questions of selection: how will the senator know which hectares of land to cultivate? What is the mode of selection?

How will the selection be done across the LGAs in the district? What becomes of the project if the cultivation is not complete within an agricultural season, or within the budget year? In

April 2021, right before the rainy season, when Tracka visited the clearing site, work was ongoing at different levels. The project is laudable, as it will aid the economic development of the district through agriculture, at least within the project period. In the long run, it will also reduce food scarcity and inflation.

However, to make this a reality, it is important for the community to ensure that the project is completed by constantly asking their representatives for project updates. Only then will the cleared lands yield the agricultural produce that they seek.

**Project:** Construction of Basic Health Centre at Omoniyi Estate in Akure South LGA  
**Location:** Omoniyi Estate  
**Cost:** N14,000,000  
**Status:** Ongoing

Despite the changes that the project will bring to the people of Omoniyi estate and the entire state, the project is yet to be completed at the time of reporting. When Tracka met with the contractor in June 2021, he said the project will be completed soon, and the remaining things to do include tiles, perimeter fence and painting.

The community residents were happy about this project because it will solve their longstanding health crisis and lack of affordable healthcare in

**Project:** Construction and Furnishing of Obstetric Centre in Uteh, Ondo North Senatorial District  
**Location:** Ose LGA  
**Cost:** N100,000,000  
**Status:** Not Started

The construction of specialist obstetric centres in rural communities is always a welcome development. This is because women of child-bearing age are able to get reproductive care promptly. Consequently, this reduces maternal and child mortality. However, beyond the construction, stocking them with health equipment is important.

This is why this line item is different. Even then, it is still important to figure out how the centre will be staffed with competent personnel. Still, these are still dreams because the project is yet to commence. In May 2021, when Tracka visited the Uteh community, the project was yet to commence and the community had no knowledge of it.

When they engaged the senator who nominated the project, he said funds for the project had not been released.

This project is crucial as it will provide essential interventions geared towards reducing maternal deaths while creating employment opportunities in the community.



**Considering the hands-on nature of polytechnics, this provision will go a long way towards improving the status of the polytechnic in the state and the nation at large.**



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State ▾

Osun State



Completed solar powered borehole installed at Owena Ijsha oriade LGA osun state



Abandoned provision and installation of 300KVA transformer at Esa Odo obokun oriade LGA osun state

**Project:** Procurement and Installation of 300 KVA Transformers at Obokun and Oriade Federal Constituency, Osun State.  
**Location:** Obokun and Oriade  
**Amount:** N30,000,000  
**Status:** Completed, yet to be Connected to National Grid

While unspecified projects are usually difficult to track, as was with this particular case, sometimes, community engagement can spark a response from the representative who has oversight duty on the execution of the line items. Tracka visited Esa-Odo community in September 2020 to

sensitise the residents on engaging their elected representatives at state and federal levels through civic education.

Afterwards, they engaged their representative who nominated the project, and it paid off as the 300 KVA transformers have been supplied and installed in Obokun and Oriade Federal Constituency. We revisited the community in April 2021 and discovered the transformer had been installed but not yet powered.

For the full execution of the project, it must begin to serve the communities who have seen the power of asking questions and demanding accountability from their representatives.



**Project:** Skill Acquisition and Vocational Training for Youth in Ede North/Ede South, Egbedore and Ejigbo Federal Constituency  
**Location:** Ede North/Ede South, Egbedore and Ejigbo Federal Constituency  
**Amount:** N30,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

Tracka team sensitised residents of the respective local government areas, shared the 2020 budget publications, and encouraged them to follow up with their elected officials to ensure that this project is implemented. On the 4th and 5th of March, 2021, Honourable Bamidele Salam, the House of Representative member representing the constituency, invited Tracka to observe the training.

Eighty beneficiaries were trained and empowered on fabric design, tie and dye, and batik, with take-off grants and materials. Start-up grants were also provided to one hundred and twenty-five constituents after they received training on agricultural value chain.

**Project:** Construction and Installation of Solar Boreholes in Osun East Senatorial District, Osun State.  
**Location:** Owena-Ijesa  
**Amount:** N200,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

This was one of the projects nominated by the senator representing Osun East Senatorial District for his constituency. The project locations were not stated in the 2021 budget cycle.

In September 2020, HRM Oba Oladoyinbo Ayelabola, the Owena Ijesa community monarch, invited Tracka to hold a town hall meeting with the community residents on how to demand for their rights and take ownership of constituency projects.

After expressing their grievances on how governments at state and federal levels ignore their plight, we enlightened them on how to engage their elected representatives to demand accountability and quality service delivery. When we revisited the community in May 2021, four overhead tanks powered by the solar system were installed and in use. The provision of potable water benefits communities beyond the host

community. Other communities benefiting from the construction of solar boreholes are Ipetu-Ijesa in Oriade South Local Government Area and Enuwa Ile-Ife in Ife East Local Government Area.



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Oyo State



Erunmu is known for its farming communities focused on food crops and animal husbandry. Home to Igede farmers, the area is known for its agricultural produce that feeds neighbouring states. A project focused on the provision of agricultural equipment will not only improve the agricultural yield in the area but will boost its agricultural economy and improve food security across the nation.

On the 13th of October 2020, the Tracka team visited the farming community and was surprised at how green the environment was, how calm the breeze blew, as we sensitised residents on effective civic advocacy. Seven months later, we met the community leader who also doubled as the farmers'

**Project:** Provision of Agricultural Equipment for Farmers in Erunmu, Egbeda LGA

**Location:** Erunmu

**Amount:** N100,000,000

**Status:** Not Done

chairman; he was shocked to discover that 100% of funds had been released without the community receiving any agricultural equipment. "We have a lot of farmers in this community, and no single farmer has received any agricultural equipment from the federal government," he complained.

The residents also expressed dissatisfaction about the non-implementation of the project. They could only dream about the potential of such a provision: how their lands would yield



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more produce, and how much more money they would make from sales. To make their dreams a reality, they promised to continue to reach out to their representative, until the project is delivered.

**Project:** Procurement/Installation of 300KVA Transformer at Saki East/Saki West/Atisbo Federal Constituency  
**Location:** Ijaleoda/Salam-Salam, Saki, Saki West LGA  
**Amount:** N10,000,000  
**Status:** Abandoned

Aluminium metal pots are to Saki what oil is to Nigeria as it draws buyers from the state and beyond. In the town, there is a statue of a hand holding up one of the metal pots with 'Saki' written on it. Despite the potential of the iron pot business to transform the town's local economy, not much has changed for the community. Perhaps, the representative who pitched the line item had big dreams about the impact of electricity on the pot business.

In November 2020, when the Tracka team engaged Saki residents, they were aware of the project and mentioned the seven communities ought to benefit from the transformer project: Ijale-oda, Salam-salam, Abojupon, Orite, Surulere, Olarewaju, and Tiwadayo.

Seven months later, during a repeat visit to Saki, we observed that the transformer had been supplied to Ijale-oda/Salam-salam but was to be installed despite the release of 100% funds.

The residents were unhappy about this situation. "What is the purpose of bringing the transformer if it will not work?" Lamented a resident. The delivery of transformers without use is also challenging as some useful parts of it may be stolen by burglars, making it useless when it is installed.



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**Project:** Construction of 3 Blocks of Classrooms with Provision of Office and Toilets in Muslim Grammar School, Otu, Itesiwaju/Kajola Federal Constituency

**Location:** Otu, Itesiwaju

West LGA

**Amount:** N10,000,000

**Status:** Completed

classrooms to the drilling of a water borehole, but the principal rejected it and told them that it was not what was itemised in the budget.

Conclusively, only two classrooms were constructed against three blocks of classrooms outlined in the budget.

On the 5th of September, 2020, Tracka visited the school to engage the authorities on civic engagement and ensuring quality service delivery. Two months later, on the 6th of November, 2020, we re-visited the school but the project had not commenced.

We encouraged the authorities to send a letter to the Ministry of Water Resources and the honourable representing Iseyin/Itesiwaju/Iwajowa & Kajola Federal Constituency in the National Assembly to demand an update on the state of the project.

They did. When we revisited Muslim Grammar School Otu on the 14th of May, 2021, the school staff revealed that the contractor wanted to change the supposed construction of a block of



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Plateau State



Provision\_Installation Of 300 Kva Near Shendam Hotel In Shendam Lga Of Plateau State.

**Project:** Rehabilitation of University Centre Store

**Location:** Surface Dressing of 5 KM D.B Zang Road, Gyel, Jos South LGA

**Project Location:** DB Zang Road

**Amount:** N47,000,000

**Status:** Not Started

Poor road networks not only lead to loss of time but loss of human lives. According to the Nigerian Bureau of Statistics (NBS), between January and October 2020, about 4, 918 accident-related deaths

were recorded on Nigerian roads. The poor road maintenance culture in the country is the leading cause of bad roads which triggers many accidents. So, whenever there is a road maintenance project, community members are usually excited; their roads will no longer be death traps.

On the 14th of January, 2021 during our town hall meeting in the Gyel community, we distributed Tracka publications that showed the nominated projects in their community, encouraged them to constantly follow up projects, and ask questions for service delivery. Despite their efforts at ensuring that the project is done, as at June 21, 2021, work on the road was yet to begin.

**Project:** Provision/ Installation of 300KVA Near Shendam Hotel

**Location:** Near Shendam Hotel

**Amount:** N15,000,000

**Status:** Completed

In May 2021, Tracka visited Shendam LGA to track the provision/installation of a 300KVA transformer. We confirmed that 500kVA was installed instead of 300KVA as specified in the publication. Residents

say the transformer has solved the problem of epileptic electric supply and low voltage in the community.

**Project:** General Maintenance of Panyam-Shendam Road

**Location:** Panyam-Shendam Road

**Amount:** N26,998,023

**Status:** Ongoing

On the 7th of May, 2021, Tracka engaged the community along Panyam Shendam road on this project, and they promised to follow up to ensure quality service delivery. As of the time of this report, the project is still ongoing.



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Rivers State →



Grant for Completion and Furnishing of Community Hall at 83-87 Harold Wilson Drive Borokiri (Ward 7) Port Harcourt Local Government Council Area, Rivers State.



Renovation, Expansion and Furnishing of twin conflicts Resolution Hall in Edeoha Town, Ahoada East L.G.A, Rivers State.



Construction of School Library and Furnishing with Instructional materials in Edeoha Community Secondary School, Edeoha, Ahoada East L.G.A, Rivers State.

**Project:** Construction of School Library and Furnishing with Instructional Materials in Edeoha Community Secondary School, Edeoha, Ahoada East LGA

**Location:** Edeoha  
**Amount:** N35,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

A library is a door into the world of books, into many worlds that readers' feet may never step. For Edeoha Community Secondary School, a library would not only prepare its students for their examinations but give them varied experiences to face the world. So, it was with excitement that the school community received the Tracka team when we informed them of this project.

When Tracka visited the school on the 17th of June, 2021, the library was already constructed, stocked with books and in use by the students and teachers. Now the students and staff of the institution are better equipped with the knowledge needed to compete with other leading schools in the state.

**Project:** Renovation, Expansion and Furnishing of Twin Conflict Resolution Halls in Edeoha Town, Ahoada East LGA

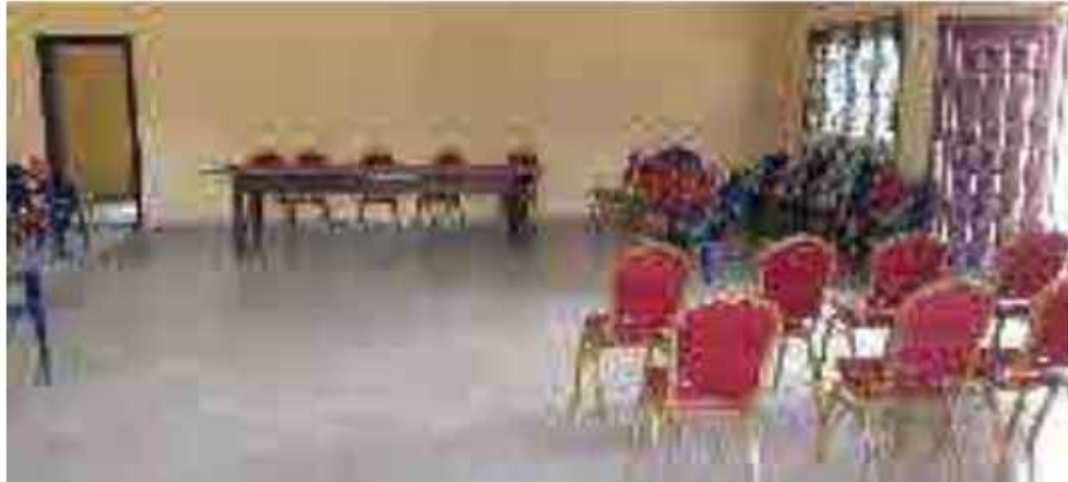
**Location:** Edeoha Town  
**Amount:** N18,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

The community was unaware of this project until Tracka's intervention. After our sensitisation meeting, they reached out to their representatives to demand for quality service delivery. The project has now been completed and in use.



**Project:** Grant for Completion and Furnishing of Community Hall At 83-87 Harold Wilson Drive Borokiri (Ward 7) Port Harcourt Local Government Council Area  
**Location:** 83-87 Harold Wilson Drive Borokiri (Ward 7)  
**Amount:** N40,000,000  
**Status:** Ongoing

Tracka visited this project site on the 22nd of June 2020 and discovered ongoing work on the project. We also engaged the community residents on civic advocacy and the demand for quality service delivery from their elected representatives.



Renovation, Expansion and Furnishing of twin conflicts Resolution Hall in Edeoha Town, Ahoada East L.G.A, Rivers State.



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Sokoto State



Supply of grinding machines at wurno\_rabah federal constituency, sokoto state.



Supply Of Sewing Machines At Wurno\_rabah Federal Constituency, Sokoto State



Rehabilitation of ICSEA Ramat Hostel at Ahmadu Bello University Zaria Kaduna

**Project:** Construction and Rehabilitation of Rural Roads from Gagi Road to Gidan Dilo

**Location:** Gagi

**Amount:** N70,000,000

**Status:** Completed

Gagi is a small rural community on the outskirts of Sokoto. Before Tracka's visit to the community, the project had been done through the Sarkin Gagi

(district head) but the residents did not know the amount allocated for the project. After we distributed the 2020 publications, they were aware of the amount and other project details.

After this new knowledge, they became even more committed to demanding accountability from their leaders. Even though the construction and rehabilitation of the road were done, after five months, the road broke down. The residents say the construction was done with substandard materials.

This particular project is a matter of concern: what is the logic behind executing a project through the district head? Why did the district head refuse to carry the whole community along during project execution? The answers to these questions are key to preventing a future incident similar to Gagi.

**Project:** Supply of Sewing Machines at Wurno/  
Rabah Federal Constituency

**Location:** Rabah

**Amount:** N40,922,000

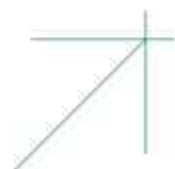
**Status:** Completed

On the 5th of January 2021, Tracka held a community engagement session at Rabah. The excited residents could not hide their joy as we explained the budget provisions for their community. Prior to our visit, they were not aware of the provisions in the budget.

On the 10th of March, 2021, we revisited the community and discovered the project had been completed. However, the residents were displeased because they believed the majority of beneficiaries were party loyalists.



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**Project:** Provision of Five Solar Boreholes with  
Public Stand at Sokoto North/South Federal  
Constituency

**Location:** Sokoto North

**Amount:** N45,000,000

**Status:** Completed

Tracka organised an intensive sensitisation programme in Sokoto North LGA and Sokoto South LGA on the 2nd of February, 2021. We engaged the indigenes on the 2020 federal constituency projects and how to ensure quality service delivery.

On April 10, 2021, we revisited the community and discovered five solar boreholes were constructed in five different locations, serving the communities. The residents were happy with the provision because they no longer have to buy water. Thereby, saving them money and reducing their chances of contracting water-borne diseases like cholera.





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State ▾

Taraba State



> Provision of solar street light in Taraba North senatorial district



> construction of Jalingo township roads Taraba state.



> construction of zing-yakoko-monkin road

**Project:** Construction of Male/Female Toilet; Motorised Borehole and a Generating Set  
**Location:** Mafindi Primary School Jalingo  
**Amount:** N10,000,000  
**Status:** Completed

Education is vital to the future of the nation, yet to access quality education, hygiene is key. However, in many schools across the country, the hygiene conditions leave a sour taste in the mouth. Welcome to Mafindi Primary School, one of the most popular public schools within the political ward, teeming with young students yet

without proper toilet facilities until this project was executed. On the 4th of November, 2020, Tracka visited the school to see the construction's progress, but there was none.

We met with the headmaster, who was surprised to hear that such provision was made for the school in the budget. We sensitised the school staff on budget tracking, accountability and civic engagement. Weeks later, the contractor was deployed to the site and started work. The contractor 'completed' the project but without a generating set.

The headmaster, aware of the fact that the generating set was part of the deliverables, demanded that it be delivered. He provided the contractor with a copy of the budget; this stumped the contractor who made the generating set available and by the 5th of March, 2021, the project was declared fully completed. The moral of the 'complete delivery' of the Mafindi Primary School project is simple: access to information empowers



citizens by giving them a voice. If the headmaster was not aware of the full details of the line item, the school would have been shortchanged. This further emphasises the importance of oversight by everyone involved in project delivery: the representatives, the community members and the members of the civil society.

**Project:** Fencing of Federal Secretariat Land Phase 1 Jalingo.  
**Location:** Jalingo  
**Amount:** N102,457,296  
**Status:** Not Started

On the 10th of November 2020, Tracka visited the site, but nothing was met with the secretariat bare. There was no ongoing construction. Then we visited the controller's office, who told us the ministry needs land first before deploying a contractor to the site. Since the 14th of November 2020, we have been in touch with the ministry over this project.

Our attempts to see the Secretary to the State Government of the state, who we learnt took up the matter some time ago,

has been unsuccessful. As of the time of filing this report, this project has not started.

**Project:** Major Maintenance and Repairs of Jalingo-Mayolope-Adamawa State Border Road  
**Location:** Jalingo-Mayolope-Adamawa State Border.  
**Amount:** N140,905,127  
**Status:** Incomplete

The building of roads connecting states in Nigeria is strategic to rural development. With good roads, agricultural products made in Benue 'the food basket of the nation' will be easily transported to neighbouring states in exchange for money. Consequently improving farmers' livelihoods and the local economy. This is why the Jalingo-Mayolope-Adamawa state border road connecting Calabar to Benue to Taraba and Adamawa, is important.

This project was captured in the 2020 FG consolidated capital projects by FERMA under the ministry of works and housing. When Tracka visited the site on the 1st of April, 2021, major sections of the road sections had not been completed. The

Jalingo-Apawa Junction section was patched, while other sections yearned for the engineer's touch. Due to the deplorable state of the road, motorists prefer to go round through Apawa Junction-Zing-Ngourore-Numan instead of Apawa-Mayolope-Numan. When Tracka visited the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) field office in Jalingo for updates, we were told the agency works with the amount disbursed and not necessarily project title.

This means that FERMA had done the work with just the amount of money that was allocated to the project, even though the project looked nothing close to the 'major maintenance' highlighted in the budget.

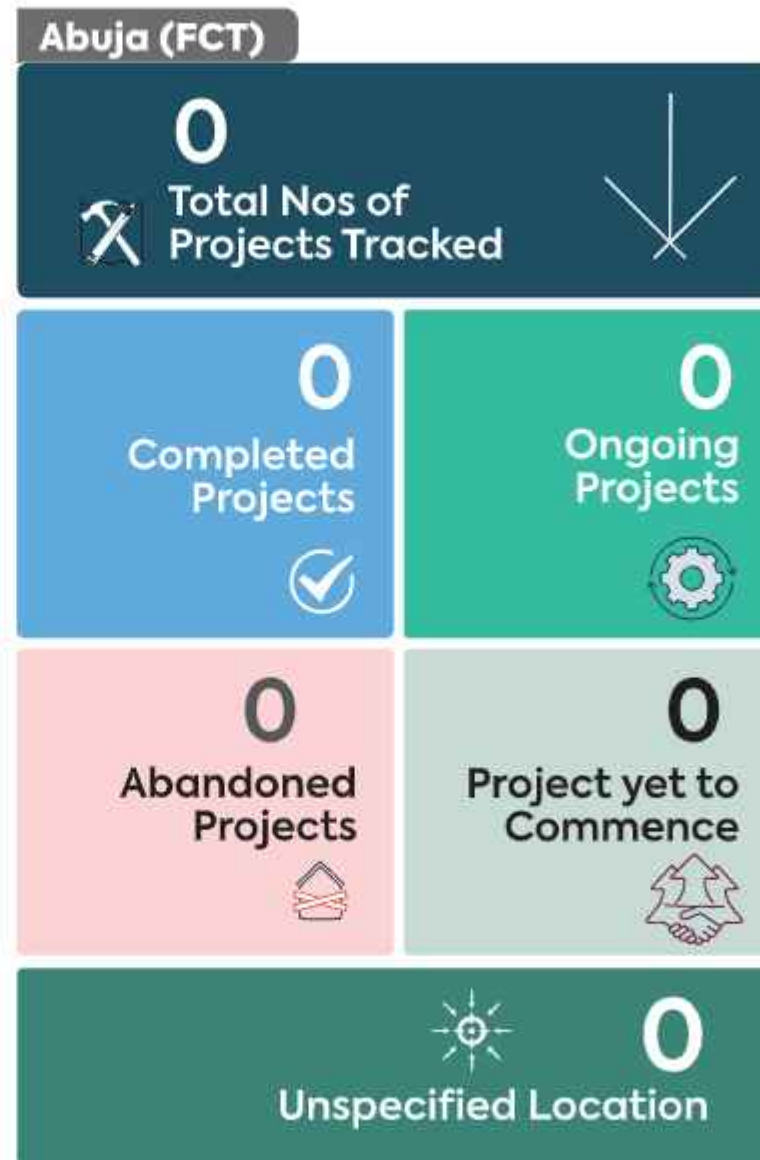
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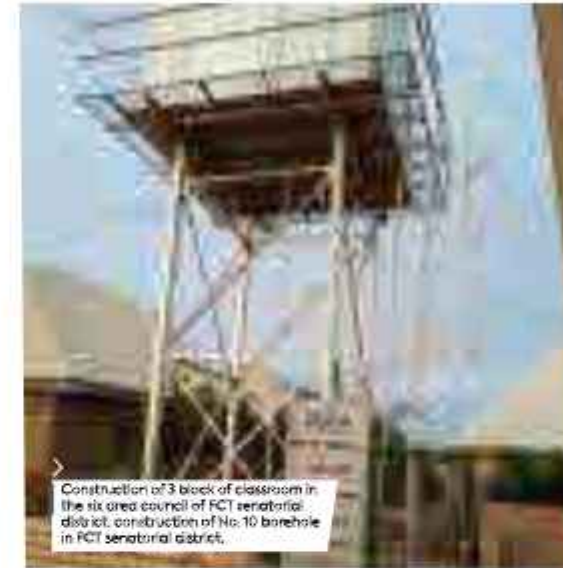
State ▾



FCT Abuja



Renovation of Classroom Block at Obiechi Primary School Umannachi Dunukofia LGA



Construction of 3 block of classroom in the six area council of FCT senatorial district, construction of No. 10 borehole in FCT senatorial district.

**Project:** Construction of Healthcare Centre in Selected Area Councils of the FCT Senatorial District

**Location:** FCT Senatorial District

**Amount:** N100,000,000

**Status:** Incomplete



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On the 23rd of June, 2021, Tracka engaged residents of the Paiko community of Gwagwalada Area Council in Abuja South FCT Senatorial District on civic advocacy. During our engagement, we discovered that most of the residents were not aware of the projects. We also discovered that the project for the healthcare centre has stopped.

## Key Issues

While tracking 3, 265 projects across 32 states within the focus period, we made several observations and learned lessons that need to be emphasised. In the following section, we highlight some trends noted in the field that have broader consequences on service delivery in Nigeria:

### **Delta and Bauchi: Strategic Allocation of Funds is Crucial**

As Nigeria operates its largest budget deficit in at least three decades, allocating funds to public projects should remain cost-effective, with sustainability as an overriding factor.

In Delta, N113m allocated for 2020 ZIP empowerment items are yet to be distributed to the Warri Federal Constituency. Our investigation showed that the items were packed up in the company office of Honourable Chief Thomas Ereyitomi, situated along Ugbuwangue/NPA Expressway, Warri. In Bauchi, N80m was allocated to supply fairly used Honda cars

to some selected youths in Bauchi South Senatorial District; thirteen fairly used cars were distributed to selected beneficiaries across the senatorial district. Indeed, these examples raise questions about the strategies behind project selection as well as the mode of execution: how are the projects arrived at? How do fairly used cars change the community beyond increasing the air pollution? What is the strategy to ensure that those who need the projects are impacted and project communities transformed? Going forward, clear project strategies need to be embedded in the budgeting process.

### **Oyo, Abia and Bauchi: The Design of Empowerment Programmes Calls for Deeper Thought**

It is common practice for substantial amounts of money to be allocated to handout vehicles and machinery under the umbrella term 'empowerment programme.' There is, however, a need for further deliberation on the procurement and disbursement of



**Secrecy in the preparation and implementation of the budget is a conspiracy to keep citizens in the dark.**



such items. N75m was allocated in the 2020 budget to supply grinding machines, motorcycles, sewing machines, deep freezers and generators in Oyo North Senatorial District. The items were distributed to selected beneficiaries across the wards. In Abia state, N20m was allocated in the 2020 budget to supply motorcycles to Abia North Senatorial District. The motorcycles were supplied and labelled as 'DONATION' by Senator Orji Uzor Kalu.

The method of choosing the beneficiaries of these 'empowerment programmes' remains unknown. However, from our observations, party loyalists are the biggest beneficiaries of such handouts. Our findings show that empowerment projects are avenues for political parties to strengthen their political base from government coffers rather than improve citizens' lives. Another point of focus is the monitoring of such projects: how do you ensure that the grants given will be used for the businesses?

How do you certify that the tricycles, for instance, will be used for transportation business rather than sold for personal gain? The impact of these projects is difficult to monitor. The federal government should make it imperative that elected representatives

conduct a needs assessment before nominating capital and zonal intervention projects across local communities to ensure that such projects will enable collective and socially inclusive growth. Delta and Edo: Inadequate Execution Just as Bad as Non-execution In Delta, N16m was allocated in the 2020 FG budget for the completion and furnishing of a multipurpose hall at Federal Government Girls' College, Ibusa. The building was poorly constructed with substandard materials; today, the project remains abandoned and unfit for human use.

In Edo, N65m was budgeted for the construction of link roads in Igarra, Akoko-Edo federal constituency and the road and gutter that was constructed was so deplorable, citizens were peeling the roads and gutters with their bare hands. The gutters were constructed with cement and sand without iron rods and had no drainage point. This should be a wake-up call on the devastating effects of allowing representatives who shirk their legal responsibilities to continue to represent the people.

In turn, should the people persistently remain discouraged to exert their right to demand delivery of capital projects, Nigeria would have effectively mortgaged her future.



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## Recommendations

### for Effective Public Projects

#### Delivery

**Citizen Engagement:** Representatives should engage their constituents in the budget-making process to ensure their needs are captured in every annual fiscal plan. The fundamental purpose of constituency projects is to ensure rural communities feel the impact of the federal government; therefore, their priorities should be reflected in the budget.

**Standardised 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 the government to trim costs, block holes in price inflation and set price guides for contracts.

**Effective Budget Monitoring:** To achieve inclusive growth for states, the federal government must enforce an effective budget monitoring and evaluation body to track project progress and standardise verification. The government could also adopt an independent reporting mechanism for

capital projects. This will help to monitor the progress of projects, and ensure judicious use of public funds to create value for the people.

**Full Project Implementation:** Abandoned projects form a massive leak to public resources; the government must strive for complete implementation in each state before embarking on new capital projects. A continuous increase in abandoned projects in a specific constituency means that the representative is failing in their oversight functions. A repeated increase of failed project delivery means that the agencies responsible are not living up to expectations. To ensure full implementation of projects, there should be repercussions for actions or inactions.

**Proper Budgeting with Relevant Information:** Project locations should be included in the budget for easy access to citizens and organisations.



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As previously 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 highly prone to corruption.

**Open Contracting:** This must be prioritised, and to ensure public participation in contract awards, details of all contracts—contractor’s name, government budget benchmark, terms of the agreement, bill of quantity, and more—should be available in the public domain. The government can curb incompetence and contract fraud through this initiative.

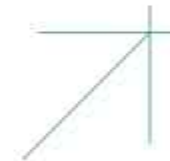
**Misrepresentation of Projects:** Public officials should desist from tagging supply materials in their names for personal glory and political clout. Citizens should be aware of the actual sponsor of the project: the Federal Government of Nigeria enabled by taxpayers.

**Assign Projects to Capable Agencies:** Projects should be assigned to appropriate ministries and agencies who have the mandate of overseeing them. The incapability of many agencies to effectively supervise projects has led to the poor execution of many projects, hereby wasting taxpayers’ funds.

**Grant Payment through Bank Transfer:** Payment of empowerment grants to citizens should be executed using bank transfer and not cash. Payment through cash has left a huge loophole in monitoring and evaluation of such projects as there is no concrete evidence to trace if such projects were properly executed as stated.



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