

PULLOUT OF WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE PROJECTS IN THE 2024 ANAMBRA STATE BUDGET



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INTRODUCTION

Budgets are crafted and approved for the objective of implementing policies and plans. Ultimately, the budget is meant to touch lives, improve livelihoods, promote a higher standard of living, grow the economy and enhance development. For this to happen, policy makers in the executive and legislature, citizens, businesses, households, communities and their organisations need to collaborate to prepare as well as to implement the budget. But the beginning point in implementation is citizen's access to information on what has been provided for in the budget. Budget projects have designated beneficiaries and the proposed beneficiaries need to know the specific provisions and the qualifying criteria to become an actual beneficiary of public interventions.

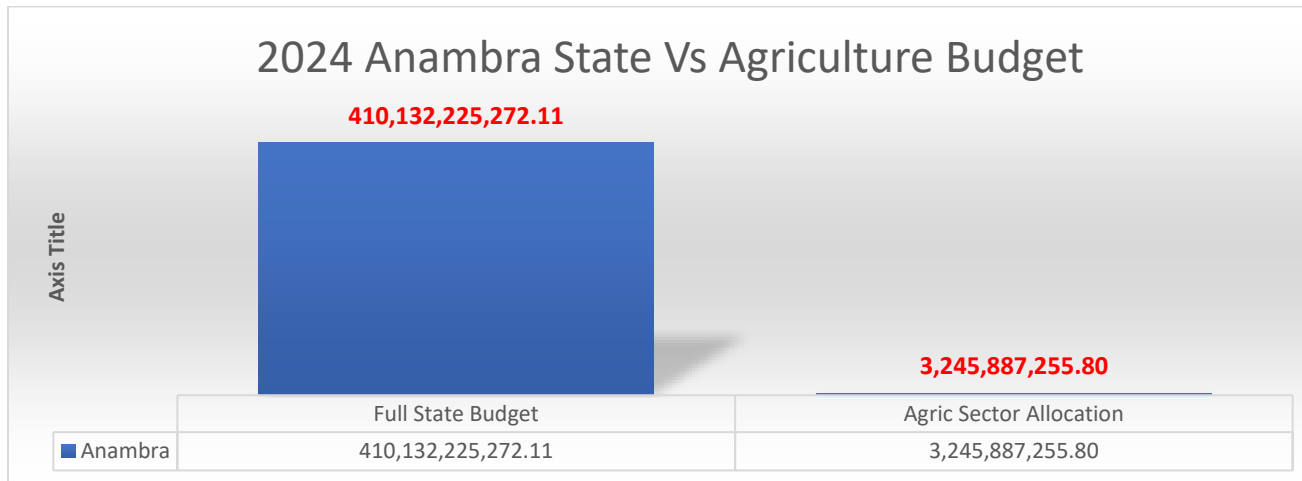
This Pull Out is produced to provide information to Small Scale Women Farmers of Nigeria (SWOFON) of provisions in the 2024 Anambra State Budget containing projects which may be of interest and of benefit to them. This Pull Out therefore serves a couple of purposes. Beyond providing information, it will assist women farmers to hold relevant MDAs to account for the expenditure of state resources. It is also an empowering tool, an advocacy tool based on empirical evidence that tells women farmers of the possibility of engaging MDAs at the budget preparation stage so that their voices can be heard in specific projects that will improve their productivity. It is a call for the full implementation of the activities specifically targeted at Small Scale Women Farmers.

Small Scale Women Farmers Organization in Nigeria (SWOFON) in collaboration with Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) and the SPARK II Project of the International Budget Partnership presents this Pull Out as a tool for strategic engagement of the 2024 Anambra State Agriculture Budget. The projects herein captured are pull outs from the state budget; they include select capital projects from the State Ministry of Agriculture, Mechanization, Processing and Export, and other Agencies in the sector. It also includes related projects from other MDAs of the State.

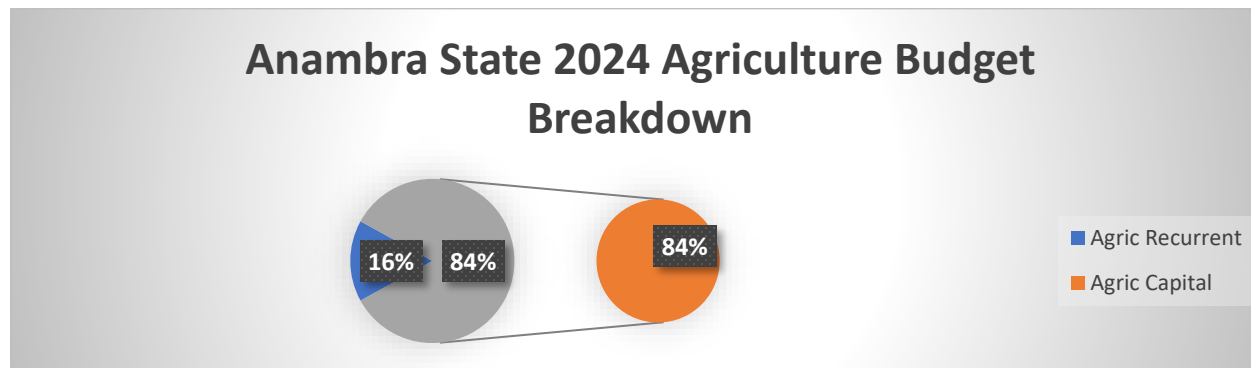
Anambra State 2024 Agriculture Budget Allocation

| Location | Full State Budget (₦) | Agric Sector Allocation (₦) | Percentage (%) of Agric to State Budget | Agric Recurrent (₦) | Agric Capital (₦) |
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| Anambra | 410,132,225,272.11 | 3,245,887,255.80 | 0.79% | 520,837,255.80 | 2,725,050,000.00 |

Source: Anambra State Approved 2024 Budget



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WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE PROJECTS IN THE 2024 ANAMBRA STATE BUDGET

This section is the crux of this project, it captures select projects that are of interest to smallholder women farmers. These projects are focal points of their engagement on the 2024 budget.

The Capital budget pullout for women in Agriculture, particularly for smallholder women farmers (SWOFON) by design is intended to identify and collate capital projects in the state budget that have potentials to impact their farming activities. It essentially captures projects which the women may have interest in and possibly benefit from. It also features some projects whose impact on the activities of the women farmers may be indirect. While majority of the projects are domiciled in core Agriculture MDAs, it also considered projects outside them for similar reasons.

The Anambra State Government allocated only 0.79% of its 2024 budget to the Agriculture sector. However, the projects pulled out from the state’s 2024 budget are from the following MDAs:

1. The Ministry of Agriculture, Mechanization, Processing and Export.
2. Forestry Department, and
3. The Ministry of Social Welfare, Children and Women Affairs.

| Ministry of Agriculture, Mechanization, Processing and Export | | | | |
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| Program Code | Project Description | Economic Code and Description | 2024 Approved Budget | Engagement Focus |
| 01040122000100 | Produce Storage and Fumigation Scheme | 23020113 - Construction/Provision of Agricultural Facilities | 51,000,000.00 | This mitigates post-harvest losses and builds a storage and fumigation scheme. |
| 01030322000200 | Field Crop Protection | 23040106 - Agriculture Value Chain | 8,000,000.00 | Field crop protection provides general support for farming especially for reduction of pests. |
| 01030322000300 | Coconut, Palm and Other Seedlings Program | 23040106 - Agriculture Value Chain | 2,000,000,000.00 | This is for farming inputs, specifically coconut and palm seedlings. |
| 01030222000200 | Seed Multiplication and Horticultural Development | 23010127 - Purchase of Agricultural Equipment | 100,000,000.00 | This is for farming inputs, specifically seedlings. |
| 01010222000200 | Development of Agricultural Extension Information | 23050103 – Monitoring and Evaluation | 25,000,000.00 | The engagement is new and technical information to support farmers. |

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| 01030322000400 | Fertilizer Procurement and Distribution | 23010127 - Purchase of Agricultural Equipment | 50,000,000.00 | This is about access to and distribution of quality fertilizers in the state. |
| 01030322000500 | Procurement of Agricultural Inputs Program | 23010127 - Purchase of Agricultural Equipment | 50,000,000.00 | This provides and opportunity to engage in the procurement of gender friendly equipment. |
| 01020522000100 | Veterinary Field Services | 23050101 - Research and Development | 8,000,000.00 | Provision of vaccinations to reduce loss of animals in ruminant rearing. This is an opportunity to engage for extension services for small animals including poultry, goats and sheep. |
| 01020522000200 | Veterinary, Prevention, Control and Surveillance of Animal Diseases | 23050103 - Monitoring and Evaluation | 8,000,000.00 | This is an opportunity to engage extension services for small animals including poultry, goats and sheep. |
| 01040322000100 | Agricultural Shows and Fares | 23050110 - Value Orientation/ Sensitization | 43,000,000.00 | This provides opportunity for SWOFON to showcase their products, linkage to off-takers and increased market information system; access to new markets and customers. |
| 01040122000300 | Procurement of 4nos Combined Harvesters | 23010127 - Purchase of Agricultural Equipment | 117,000,000.00 | This provides the opportunity to engage for gender friendly equipment. |
| 01070622000200 | Capacity Building of Ministry's Staff and Extension Workers | 23050108 - Capacity Building | 10,000,000.00 | Capacity building training on best agricultural practices for ministry staff and extension workers who are expected to directly impact knowledge on women farmers. |
| 01010122000300 | Export Centre and Activity Development | 23050101 - Research and Development | 50,000,000.00 | SWOFON members need to find out how the Export Centre will create opportunities for new markets for their products. |
| 01070422000200 | School Horticultural Development Programme | 23050101 - Research and Development | 50,000,000.00 | SWOFON members need to find out how they can participate in horticulture development. |
| 01070122000400 | Repairs of 5nos Tractors (60HP, 4 | 23030112 - Repair - Agricultural Facilities | 20,000,000.00 | Repaired tractors will be available for farmers to use in their farm |

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| | Wheel Drive, 45 ltr fuel tank & 2,100kg | | | activities. Engage to take advantage of the equipment either as individual farmers or as a collective. |
| Ministry of Social Welfare, Children and Women Affairs | | | | |
| Programme Code | Project Description | Economic Code and Description | 2024 Approved Budget | Engagement |
| 07100122007200 | Micro-credit Loan for Women Co- operative | 23050101 - Research and Development | 5,000,000.00 | SWOFON members can engage for access to credit and soft loans from the government. |
| 07100122008100 | Micro Enterprise Support Scheme (MESS)/Ward-based Solution Cooperatives | 23050110 -Value Orientation/ Sensitisation | 1,500,000,000.00 | SWOFON members can engage for access to credit and soft loans from the government and access to opportunities. |
| 07100122000700 | Assistance to Women Cooperatives Society W.C.S/T.U. Women Groups | 23050108 - Capacity Building | 6,000,000.00 | SWOFON members can engage for access to credit and soft loans from the government and technical assistance to improve organizational governance. |
| 07100122001600 | Poverty Eradication Programme and Loan Grant to Women Co- operative | 23050108 - Capacity Building | 5,000,000.00 | SWOFON members can engage for access to credit and soft loans from the government. |
| Forestry Department | | | | |
| 20100122001200 | Nursery Development | 23040101 - Tree Planting | 15,000,000.00 | SWOFON should engage the Ministry to include its members in nursery development or to provide them with nursery trees at subsidized rate |
| Overall Total | | | 2,590,000,000.00 | |

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FROM PULLOUT

- A meagre 0.79 percent of the entire 2024 state budget was allocated to the agricultural sector; this is despite the current food crisis in the state and the country at large over the past one year resulting in high cost of food crops/ materials.

- There is no project specifically allocated to small scale women farmers alone in the Anambra State 2024 budget. However, this pullout is about projects that will likely be of benefit to SWOFON members.
- The projects are tied to **Economic Code and Description**; these help to determine the usefulness of specific projects to SWOFON. For instance, economic codes tied to **capacity building, provision of farm inputs, purchase or repair of agricultural equipment/ facilities, value chain addition** and **value orientation/ sensitization** are projects that will likely serve the interest of SWOFON; hence, they are encouraged to track and monitor their implementation so as to position themselves to benefit from them.
- Projects that are tied to Research and Development codes though may not be of direct benefit to SWOFON, but follow up on the implementation is likely to have spillover effect on their activities.
- Engagement on these projects falls under at least one of the following target areas of the IBP SPARK II project;
 - i. Government prioritizes timely release of funds for critical agricultural inputs and gender friendly equipment for smallholder women farmers (**Campaign actions and strategic engagements for systems change**). – Result Area 2
 - ii. Increased participation of SWOFON/ Agency groups in Agricultural budget decision making, implementation and oversight processes (**Strategic engagements to shift PFM system**). – Result Area 3

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. SWOFON should target influencing significant increase in the state’s allocation to agriculture and also in the allocation to women farmers in the state.
2. SWOFON should track and follow up on key projects of interest so as to benefit from its implementation. A key step to this is to identify the specific MDA where the project(s) is domiciled.
3. SWOFON should engage the Planning, Research and Statistics (PRS) department in relevant MDAs.

