

# **PULLOUT OF WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE PROJECTS IN THE 2024 NASARAWA 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 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.

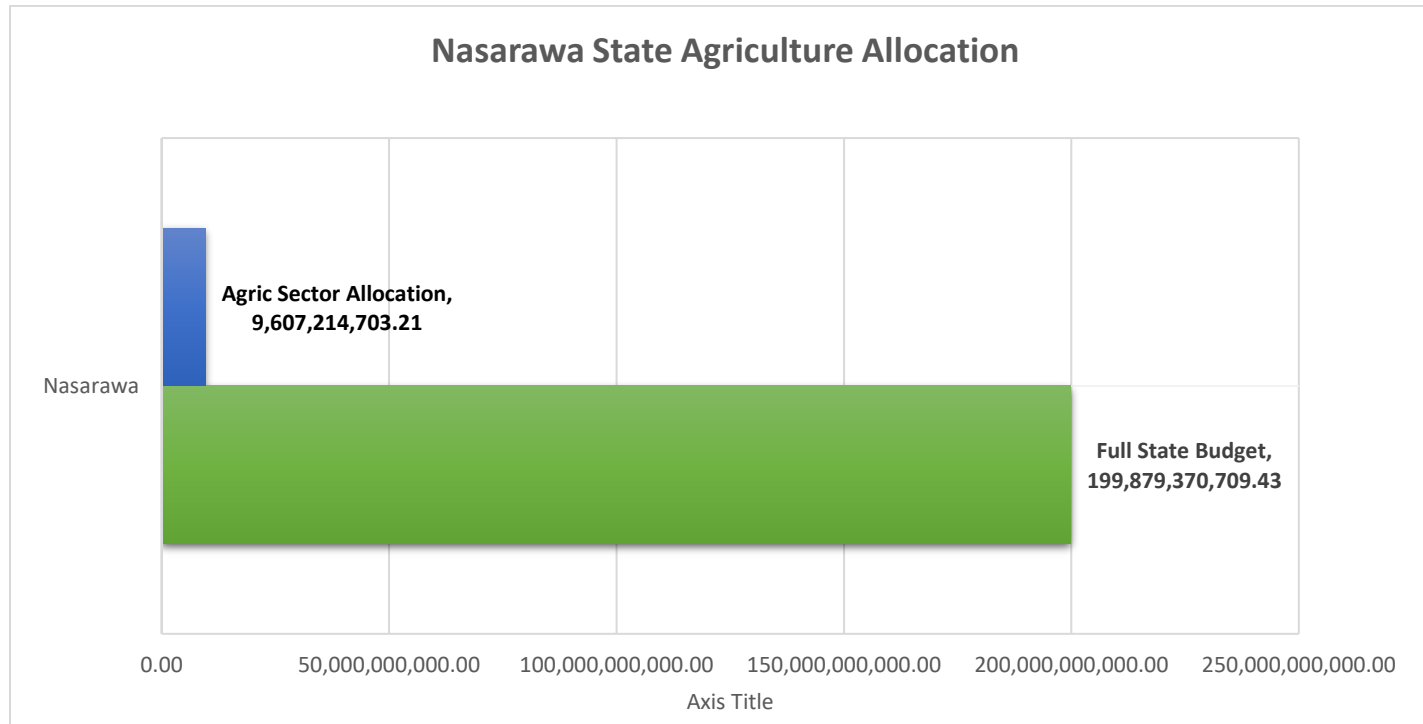
This Pull Out is produced to provide information to Small Scale Women Farmers of Nigeria (SWOFON) of provisions in the 2024 Nasarawa State Budget containing projects which may be of interest and of benefit to them. This Pull Out therefore serves a couple of purposes. Beyond providing information, it 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 release of budgeted votes and the full utilization of all released votes 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 Nasarawa State Agriculture Budget. The projects herein captured are pull outs from the state budget; they include capital projects from the State Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources; College of Agriculture, Science and Technology, Lafia; Nasarawa Agricultural Development Programme (NADP); Nasarawa State Fadama Coordinating Office, as well as related projects from extra MDAs of the State.

### Nasarawa State 2024 Agriculture Budget Allocation

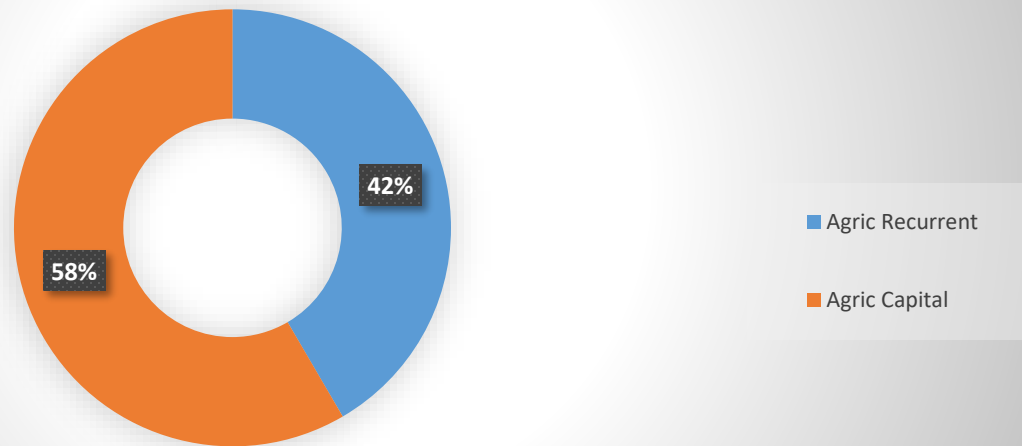
Location	Full State Budget (₦)	Agric Sector Allocation (₦)	Percentage (%) of Agric to State Budget	Agric Recurrent (₦)	Agric Capital (₦)
Nasarawa	199,879,370,709.43	9,607,214,703.21	4.81%	3,994,839,703.20	5,612,375,000.00

*Source: Nasarawa State Approved 2024 Budget*



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## Nasarawa State 2024 Agriculture Budget Breakdown



*Source: Nasarawa State 2024 Approved Budget*

### **WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE PROJECTS IN THE 2024 NASARAWA 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 Nasarawa state government allocated 4.81% of its 2024 budget to the Agriculture sector. However, the projects pulled out from the state's 2024 budget are from MDAs within and outside core Agriculture institutions including;

- The Ministry of Agriculture

- College of Agriculture, Science and Technology, Lafia
- Nasarawa Agricultural Development Programme (NADP)
- Nasarawa State FADAMA Coordinating Office
- Ministry of Environment and Natural resources, and
- Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development

<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE</b>				
<b>Programme Code and Programme Description</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Economic Code and Description</b>	<b>2024 Approved Budget</b>	<b>Engagement Focus</b>
01070123000100 - Integrated Rural Development (Agricultural Land Development, Farm Mechanization, & Rural Infrastructures	PURCHASE OF 50 NO. AGRICULTURAL SPRAYERS & MOWERS	23010127 - PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	141,000,000.00	This is an opportunity to engage for the procurement of gender friendly equipment.
01020523000100 - Animal Health and Livestock Diseases Management	CONSTRUCTION OF COTTAGE HATCHERY FACILITY ACROSS THE 3 ZONES	23020113 - CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES	21,000,000.00	SWOFON should engage for the benefit of its members in poultry and bird production.
01100124000200 - Agriculture Programme Not Elsewhere Classified	PURCHASE OF MACHINE FOR PRODUCTION, PRESERVATION & BOTTLING OF TROPICAL FRUIT JUICE	23010120 - PURCHASE OF CANTEEN / KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	1,000,000.00	This is about value addition, storage and improvement of the value chain of fruit producers.
01100124000200 - Agriculture Programme Not Elsewhere Classified	PURCHASE OF MACHINE FOR PRODUCTION, PRESERVATION & BOTTLING OF TROPICAL FRUIT JUICE	23010120 - PURCHASE OF CANTEEN / KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	1,000,000.00	This is about value addition, storage and improvement of the value chain of fruit producers.

01100124000300 - Agriculture Programme Not Elsewhere Classified	PURCHASE OF 4NO KNITTING MACHINE FOR PRODUCTION OF CARDIGAN (SWEATHER)	23010162 - PURCHASE OF SEWING MACHINES	500,000.00	This is engagement for gender friendly equipment.
01030120000100 - Crop Value Chains and Food Systems Promotion (Food and Cash Crops of State's Comparative Advantage)	PURCHASE OF TREE CROP SEEDLINGS	23010127 - PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	5,000,000.00	This is about access to farming inputs, specifically seedlings.
01040220000100 - Buffer Stocking and Commodity Warehousing	PURCHASE OF 2 TONES OF BUFFER GRAINS	23010165 - PURCHASE OF FEED MILLER	50,000,000.00	Buffer stock is used in times of emergencies and scarcity to provide food for the poor. SWOFON should engage to confirm that the grains are purchased and stored.
01050124000200 - Commercial Aquaculture Development (Fish Production, Feed Mills Development, Fishing Inputs etc.)	ESTABLISHMENT OF FISH VALUE CHAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE	23020113 - CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES	20,000,000.00	SWOFON should engage for capacity building and access to fish value chain inputs, business materials and facilities.
01020322000100 - Poultry, Pig, and Micro Livestock Production	ESTABLISHMENT OF 3NO. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY FARMS IN THE 3 SENATORIAL ZONES	23020124 - CONSTRUCTION OF MARKETS/PARKS	30,000,000.00	SWOFON should engage for the enhanced production of birds and eggs in the state.
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>269,500,000.00</b>	
<b>COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY, LAFIA</b>				
<b>Programme Code and Programme Description</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Economic Code and Description</b>	<b>2024 Approved Budget</b>	<b>Engagement Focus</b>
05040123000100 - All Levels of Education Quality Assurance	PURCHASE OF 1 NO. TRACTOR FOR PRACTICALS	23010124 - PURCHASE OF TEACHING-LEARNING/SPECIAL AID EQUIPMENT	70,000,000.00	This is about purchase of farming equipment which will facilitate capacity building in the state.
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>70,000,000.00</b>	
<b>NASARAWA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (NADP)</b>				
<b>Programme Code and Programme Description</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Economic Code and Description</b>	<b>2024 Approved Budget</b>	<b>Engagement Focus</b>

01070122000200 - Integrated Rural Development (Agricultural Land Development, Farm Mechanization, & rural infrastructures)	PURCHASE OF 8NO. TRACTOR & IMPLEMENTS	23010127 - PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	99,000,000.00	This is about the procurement of gender friendly equipment for the reduction of drudgery in farming.
01030322000200 - Farm Inputs Supply and Service Delivery System (Improved Seeds, Fertilizer, Agrochemicals etc.)	PURCHASE OF 4000NO. OF 2KG AGRO-CHEMICAL/HERBICIDES FOR FARMERS	23010127 - PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	30,000,000.00	This is about engagement for farming inputs which will benefit SWOFOON members.
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>129,000,000.00</b>	
<b>NASARAWA STATE FADAMA COORDINATING OFFICE</b>				
<b>Programme Code and Programme Description</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Economic Code and Description</b>	<b>2024 Approved Budget</b>	<b>Engagement Focus</b>
01070122000300 - Integrated Rural Development (Agricultural Land Development, Farm Mechanization, & Rural Infrastructures)	PURCHASE OF 4000NO. AGRICULTURAL MILLERS AND THRESHERS	23010127 - PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	560,000,000.00	This is about the procurement of gender friendly equipment for the reduction of drudgery in farming.
01030322000300 - Farm Inputs Supply and Service Delivery System (Improved Seeds, Fertilizer, Agrochemicals etc.)	SUPPLY OF THRESSING MACHINES, CHEMICALS AND OTHER AGRIC INPUTS	23010172 - PURCHASE OF FERTILIZER/ AGRIC INPUTS	512,275,000.00	This provides opportunity for engaging around timely access to farming inputs.
17100123000100 - Road – General	CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL FEEDER ROADS IN OBI, KEANA, DOMA, AND AKWANGA	23020114 - CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF ROADS	2,100,000,000.00	Construction of good road networks makes for easy access to markets and evacuation of produce
01030121000100 - Crop Value Chains and Food Systems Promotion (Food and Cash Crops of State's Comparative Advantage)	AGRIC ASSETS FOR PRODUCTION & SMALL SCALE PRIMARY PROCESSING	23020118 - CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE		Provides opportunity for engagement on provision of equipment
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>3,172,275,000.00</b>	
<b>MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Programme Code and Programme Description</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Economic Code and Description</b>	<b>2024 Approved Budget</b>	<b>Engagement Focus</b>



04050222000104 Planned Preventive Maintenance (PPM)	- PURCHASE OF HERBICIDE, FUMIGATION PROMISEE USE FOR SANITATION	23010156 - PURCHASE OF SANITARY EQUIPMENT	15,000,000.00	This is a farming input and SWOFON should engage to ensure its procurement and use.
09100122001000 Environmental Improvement – General	- PURCHASE OF ASSORTED SEEDLING	23040101 - TREE PLANTING	10,000,000.00	SWOFON should engage the ministry to mainstream its members in nursery development or get nursery trees at subsidized rates
09100122001200 Environmental Improvement – General	- ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREST NURSERIES AT LAFIA	23020168 - CONSTRUCTION OF FOREST NURSERIES SITE	30,000,000.00	SWOFON should engage the ministry to mainstream its members in nursery development or get nursery trees at subsidized rates
09100122001600 Environmental Improvement – General	- MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION OF SMALL FARMERS (CLIMATE CHANGE)	23040103 - WILDLIFE CONSERVATION	25,000,000.00	SWOFON should engage for capacity building and knowledge dissemination.
09100122002000 Environmental Improvement – General	- CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR AGROCLIMATIC RESILIENCE IN SEMIARID LANDSCAPES (ACRESAL) PROJECT INTERVENTION IN KEFFI & NASARAWA LGA	23020116 - CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF WATERWAYS	270,000,000.00	SWOFON should engage for capacity building, knowledge dissemination and access to water. SWOFON should first of all find out the full details of the project.
09100122002100 Environmental Improvement – General	- CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR AGROCLIMATIC RESILIENCE IN SEMIARID LANDSCAPES (ACRESAL) PROJECT INTERVENTION IN DOMA LGA	23020118 - CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE	400,000,000.00	SWOFON should engage for capacity building, knowledge dissemination and access to infrastructure. SWOFON should first of all find out the full details of the project.
09100122002200 Environmental Improvement – General	- CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR AGROCLIMATIC RESILIENCE IN SEMIARID LANDSCAPES (ACRESAL) PROJECT INTERVENTION IN LAFIA LGA	23040102 - EROSION & FLOOD CONTROL	520,000,000.00	SWOFON should engage for capacity building, knowledge dissemination and flood control water. SWOFON should first of all find out the full details of the project.
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>1,270,000,000.00</b>	
<b>MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</b>				

Programme Code and Programme Description	Project Description	Economic Code and Description	2024 Approved Budget	Engagement Focus
02100122002500 - Societal Re-orientation – General	REHABILITATION OF CASSAVA PROCESSING CENTRES	23030158 - REHABILITATION OF CASSAVA PROCESSING CENTRES	25,000,000.00	SWOFON should engage as this provides opportunity for value addition, processing and reduction of drudgery for cassava farmers.
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>25,000,000.00</b>	

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FROM PULLOUT

- The pulled-out projects are from 6 Ministries, Departments and Agencies of government namely Ministry of Agriculture, College of Agriculture, Science and Technology, Nasarawa Agricultural Development Programme, Nasarawa State Fadama Coordinating Office, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development.
- 4.81 percent of the entire 2024 state budget was allocated to the agricultural sector.
- Out of the Agriculture sector’s **N5,612,375,000.00** budgeted for capital expenditure, none (0%) of these targeted women-specific projects.
- Substantial sums of the sector’s allocation were assigned to procurement of equipment and farm inputs, as well as provision of diverse infrastructures including roads and markets.
- The projects are tied to **Economic Code and Description**; these help to determine the usefulness of specific projects to SWOFON. Significant number of the projects come under procurement of farm inputs and Agricultural equipment and construction projects.
  - Substantial sums were allocated to construction projects, particularly in the FADAMA Coordination office.
  - Some of the projects do not have specific locations which would have made monitoring easier.
  - Some of the projects lack specificity in terms of what exactly is being procured with public funds.
- 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

- ✓ SWOFON should engage towards influencing an increase in the budgetary allocation to the sector and more particularly canvas for allocations for women-specific projects. This can be achieved by strategic engagement at the various stages of the budget cycle.
- ✓ SWOFON to 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 and follow them through.
- ✓ SWOFON should explore opportunities outside the core Agriculture MDAs.
- ✓ For projects lacking specificity, SWOFON should engage to find out the full details of the projects for example, the Fadama Project.
- ✓ SWOFON should engage to confirm the locations of projects without location.



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