

PULLOUT OF WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE PROJECTS IN THE 2024 NIGER 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.

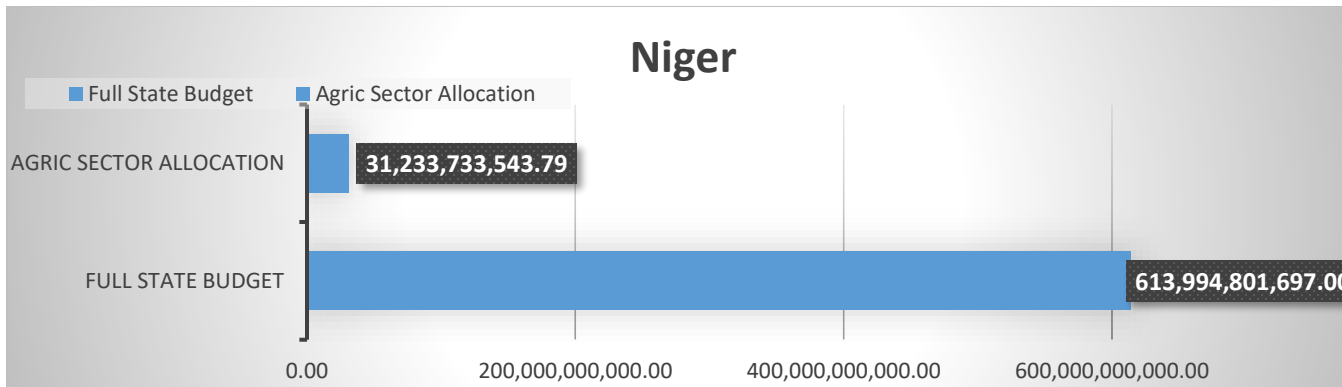
This Pull Out is produced to provide information to Small Scale Women Farmers of Nigeria (SWOFON) of provisions in the 2024 Niger State Budget containing projects which may be of interest and of benefit to them. This Pull Out therefore serves a couple of purposes. Beyond providing information, it will 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 and utilization of the votes allocated to 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 Niger State Agriculture Budget.

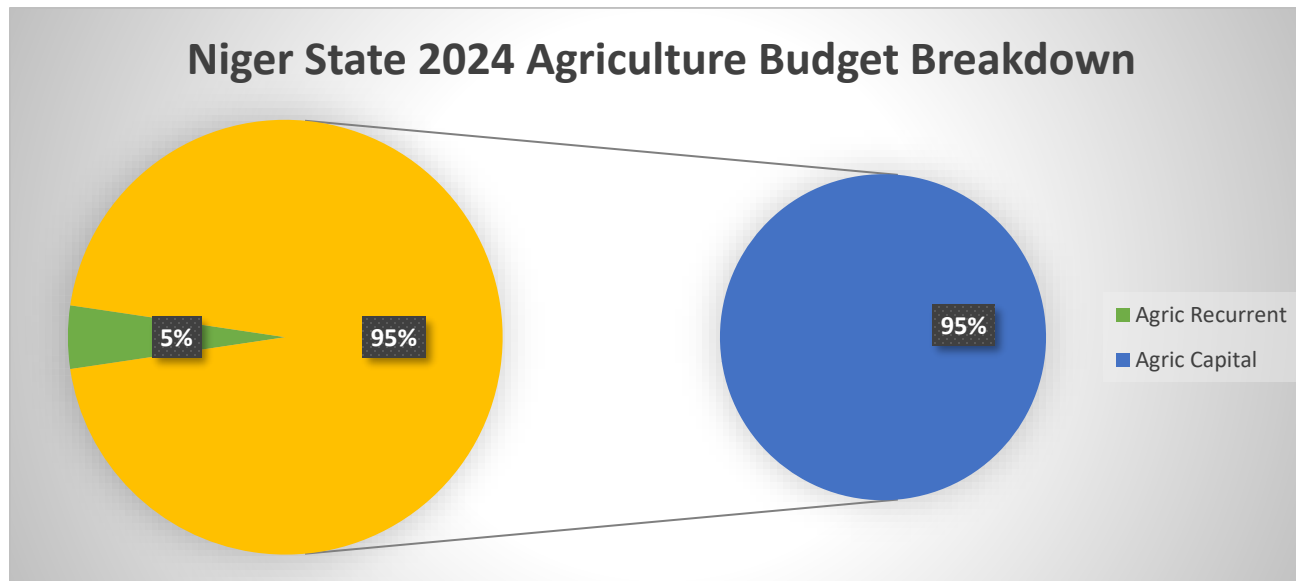
Niger State 2024 Agriculture Budget Allocation

Location	Full State Budget (₦)	Agric Sector Allocation (₦)	Percentage (%) of Agric to State Budget	Agric Recurrent (₦)	Agric Capital (₦)
Niger	613,994,801,697.00	31,233,733,543.79	5.09%	1,463,936,425.22	29,769,797,118.57

Source: Niger State Approved 2024 Budget



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WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE PROJECTS IN THE 2024 NIGER 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 Niger state government allocated 5.09% of its 2024 budget to the Agriculture sector. The projects pulled out from the state's 2024 budget are from MDAs within and outside core Agriculture institutions including; (1) The Ministry of Agriculture; (2) Niger State Industrial Park Agency; (3) Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development; and (4) Ministry of Gender Affairs.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE					
Programme Code and Programme Description	Project Description	Economic Code and Description	2024 Approved Budget	Engagement Focus	
01040124000100 - Modern Technology for Post-Harvest Storage and Value Addition	Purchase of 625 No of Simple Hand Planting Machine	23010127 - PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	100,000,000.00	This is an opportunity to engage for the procurement of gender friendly equipment.	
01040124000200 - Modern Technology for Post-Harvest Storage and Value Addition	Purchase of 3no. Sprayers and Organic Pesticides	23010127 - PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	20,000,000.00	This is an opportunity to engage for the procurement of gender friendly equipment.	
01040124000400 - Modern Technology for Post-Harvest Storage and Value Addition	Procurement of 300 Units of MF 375 Power Steering Tractors	23010127 - PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	15,000,000.00	This is an opportunity to engage for the procurement of gender friendly equipment.	
01030224000100 - Intensive Crop and Vegetable Production (Irrigation, Crop Diversification etc.)	Provision of 500 Tube Wells at Ndiga, Yandayi, Tufa, Zhitu and Gbogan	23010127 - PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	125,000,000.00	The engagement is for access to agriculture supporting facilities through access to water for crop and animal production.	
01030324000100 - Farm Inputs Supply and Service Delivery System (Improved Seeds, Fertilizer, Agrochemicals etc.	Purchase of 12000 Bags of NPK Fertilizer from Zungeru Fertilizer Company	23010127 - PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	600,000,000.00	This is about access to farm inputs, specifically fertilizer.	

01030324000200 - Farm Inputs Supply and Service Delivery System (Improved Seeds, Fertilizer, Agrochemicals etc.)	Purchase and distribution of farm inputs Such as Hybrid Maize, Rice, Sorghum and Soya Beans	23010127 - PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	20,000,000.00	The engagement is about access to seeds for SWOFON members.
01070124000100 - Integrated Rural Development (Agricultural Land Development, Farm Mechanization, & Rural Infrastructures	Acquisition and Development of 250,000 Land Across the 25 LGAs	23030112 - REHABILITATION / REPAIRS - AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES	300,000,000.00	Provides opportunity for engagement on access to farm land
01100124000100 - Agriculture Programme Not Elsewhere Classified	Raising of Nursery at the State Secretariat	23040101 - TREE PLANTING	30,000,000.00	SWOFON should engage the Ministry to include its members in nursery development or to provide them with nursery trees at subsidized rate
01070224000100 - Youth and Women In Agriculture Empowerment & Smallholder Agricultural Credit Strengthening	Purchase of 500units of rice threshing Machine, 3000nos seed planters, 8HP power tiller and 1000units of Beans grading and sorting machines	23010127 - PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	12,000,000,000.00	The engagement is about access to gender friendly equipment for SWOFON members.
NIGER STATE INDUSTRIAL PARK AGENCY				
Programme Code and Programme Description	Project Description	Economic Code and Description	2024 Approved Budget	Engagement Focus
01040124000500 - Modern Technology for Post Harvest Storage and Value Addition	Agricultural Technology Transfer (Agric Extension Services)	23050101 - RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	18,607,597.46	The engagement is for the transfer of knowledge through extension services to SWOFON members on post-harvest storage.
01040124000700 - Modern Technology for Post Harvest Storage and Value Addition	Provision of Modern storage facilities, (Silos)	23020118 - CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE	15,988,933.12	The engagement is for post-harvest storage through modern storage facilities-silos.
01030324000300 - Farm Inputs Supply and Service Delivery	Agricultural Input Distribution and Group Mobilization	23010127 - PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	12,658,714.37	This is for SWOFON members to get agricultural inputs-

System (Improved Seeds, Fertilizer, Agrochemicals etc.)				improved seeds, chemicals and fertilizers.
01030124000100 - Crop Value Chains and Food Systems Promotion (Food and Cash Crops of State's Comparative Advantage)	Value Chain Development Programme (VCDP) - Rice and Cassava	23050101 - RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	600,000,000.00	SWOFON should engage for the improvement of the rice and cassava value chain in the state.
01030124000200 - Crop Value Chains and Food Systems Promotion (Food and Cash Crops of State's Comparative Advantage)	Agricultural Transformation Agenda Support Program Phase 1 [ATASP1] (Provision of garri processing and rice milling machine)	23050101 - RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	2,114,001,516.00	SWOFON should engage for the improvement in garri processing and rice milling
MINISTRY OF LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT				
Programme Code and Programme Description	Project Description	Economic Code and Description	2024 Approved Budget	Engagement Focus
01020624000200 - Livestock Feeds Development	Clearing 30 hectares of land for pasture and provision of rapia grasses for Farmers and Pastoralist in the 3 Zones	23020105 - CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF WATER FACILITIES	10,000,000.00	SWOFON should engage for access to livestock feeds for their members.
01040224000300 - Buffer Stocking and Commodity Warehousing	Construction of Ware House (Feed Storage house) at LIBC Tagwai	23020113 - CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES	30,000,000.00	Buffer stocking and commodity warehousing provides access to stored products (feeds) during times of scarcity and emergency and SWOFON members can benefit from the scheme when operational.
01050324000100 - Fish Processing and Post-Harvest Management	Production of Fingerlings at Tagwai Fish Hatchery	23050101 - RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	3,000,000.00	SWOFON should engage especially for the benefit of its members involved in fish farming
MINISTRY OF GENDER AFFAIRS				
Programme Code and Programme Description	Project Description	Economic Code and Description	2024 Approved Budget	Engagement Focus
051400100100 - Ministry of Gender Affairs	Nigeria for Women Project -World Bank Loan for	14030201 - INTERNATIONAL	850,000,000.00	SWOFON should first get the details of this loan support and

	Supporting Livelihood	Women	LOANS/ BORROWINGS FROM FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS		engage to improve the livelihoods of its members.
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Summary of findings from Pull-out

- 5.09 percent of the entire 2024 state budget was allocated to the agricultural sector.
- Out of the Agriculture sector’s **N29,769,797,118.57** 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 construction and Research and Development.
- 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 research and development, construction and purchase of equipment.
- There are diverse opportunities for engagement. A good knowledge of the power dynamics in the state will go a long way to guide the strategy for engagement. Engagement on these projects falls under at least one of the following target areas of the IBP SPARK II project;
 - 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
 - Increased participation of SWOFON/ Agency groups in Agricultural budget decision making, implementation and oversight processes (*Strategic engagements to shift PFM system*). – Result Area 3

Recommendation(s)

- ✓ 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 to explore opportunities outside the core Agriculture MDAs, like the provision in the Ministry of Gender which is specifically targeting women in the provision of loans that could be deployed in their farming activities.
- ✓ SWOFON should get the full details of all projects lacking specificity.