

SAVINGS IN THE APPROVED 2021 FEDERAL AGRICULTURE BUDGET BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE LIMITED BY GUARANTEE



Centre for Social Justice (CSJ)
(Mainstreaming Social Justice in Public Life)

Centre for Social Justice Limited by Guarantee (CSJ) had prepared a line-item by line-item analysis of the proposed activities in the 2021 federal agriculture budget and highlighted frivolous, inappropriate, unclear and wasteful expenditure and made recommendations on savings and reprogramming of the funds. The total recommendation was to save/reprogramme N8.17billion. However, the National Assembly in its wisdom saved a total sum of **five billion, seventy two million, two hundred and eighty six thousand, six hundred and eighty seven naira (N5,072,286,687)**. There were also votes where CSJ demanded that the National Assembly asks for clarity before approval. A good number of the unclear votes were not approved by the National Assembly. The details are as provided hereunder.

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NALDA)					
From its mandate, operations and budget, NALDA is not doing anything different from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. To streamline operations, reduce the cost of governance and for effective coordination of agriculture, NALDA should be made to operate as a parastatal of the FMARD or its activities subsumed under existing FMARD structures. Furthermore, virtually all the projects of NALDA (with the exception of administrative capital) are prefixed with “in the six geopolitical zones” and as such, without specific location and addresses. This makes them extremely difficult to locate and monitor. The locations should be provided before approval.					
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22020605	SECURITY VOTE (INCLUDING OPERATION)	80,000,000	What is NALDA doing with a security vote. Its mandate is defined as: <i>“At the National Agricultural Land Development Authority, under the Presidency, we are saddled with the mandate of harnessing the full potentials of the vast arable lands in Nigeria, empowering small Holder and large-Scale Farmers and mechanize, support the drive for Food and Fiber security while assisting in diversifying the nation's economy, improving household incomes and enhancing revenue mobilization and generation nationwide”</i> . ¹ Save this vote.	80,000,000	0

¹ <https://www.nalda.ng/>

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ERGP1155447	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL ENHANCEMENT FOR 1,500 NYFS FARMERS IN THE SIX GEO-POLITICAL ZONE	300,000,00	This vote is vague and lacks specificity. What is the subject and nature of the professional and technical enhancement? Where is the exact location of the beneficiaries? In which states or LGAs? NASS should get the specifics before approval.	250,000,000	50,000,000
ERGP1155623	CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF 180 COMPLETE BOREHOLES, OVERHEAD TANKS AND GENERATORS IN THE SIX GEOPOLITICAL ZONES	456,813,000	This request is vague and lacks specificity. No specific location. NASS should get the specific locations before approval.	356,813,000	100,000,000
ERGP1155629	PROVISION OF FEEDS AND MEDICATION FOR 180 FARMERS IN THE SIX GEOPOLITICAL ZONES	208,000,800	This request is vague and lacks specificity. No class of beneficiaries and specific location. NASS should get the specific locations before approval.	158,800,000	49,200,800
ERGP1157440	CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROAD (SURFACE DRESSING) OF 18 KM TO THE NALDA FARMS IN THE SIX GEOPOLITICAL ZONES FOR NYFS	500,000,000	This request is vague and lacks specificity. No specific locations within the six geopolitical zones. NASS should get the specific locations before approval.	400,000,000	100,000,000
ERGP1157450	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL ENHANCEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY	30,000,000	This vote has no meaning. Save this vote.	30,000,000	0

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ERGP1157454	ESTABLISHMENT OF RANCHES IN SELECTED STATES	100,000,000	NASS should request for specific locations within the six geopolitical zones before approval.	80,000,000	20,000,000
ERGP1157522	LAND DEVELOPMENT-BUSH CLEARING AND SOIL TESTING SERVICES (3000 HA FOR THE 6 GEOPOLITICAL ZONES) FOR NYFS	1,535,000,000	NASS should request for specific locations within the six geopolitical zones before approval.	1,121,767,946	413,232,054
ERGP1157482	ESTABLISHMENT OF BANANA/RICE PLANTATIONS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SOME STATE GOVERNMENTS	523,100,000	NASS should request for the specific states within the six geopolitical zones before approval.	423,100,000	100,000,000
ERGP1157479	PROVISION AND PROCUREMENT OF STORAGE FACILITIES FOR FINISHED FARM PRODUCE IN THE SIX GEOPOLITICAL ZONES	332,437,500	NASS should request for specific locations within the six geopolitical zones before approval.	302,437,500	30,000,000
ERGP1157445	PROVISION OF FARM INPUTS (SEEDS/CUTTINGS, PLANTING MATERIALS, AGROCHEMICALS, FERTILIZER, GROWTH ENHANCER, AFLASAFE FOR 3,000 HA IN SELECTED STATES IN THE SIX GEOPOLITICAL ZONES) FOR NYFS	700,190,285	NASS should request for specific locations within the six geopolitical zones before approval.	367,807,892	332,382,393

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ERGP1157953	PURCHASE/RENT OF OFFICE BUILDING IN ABUJA HQ AND STATE OFFICES AND REHABILITATION IN SOME STATES	330,000,000	In the 2021 Budget Call Circular, it is stated under admissible projects, at paragraph 4.5.3 as follows: Except where it is absolutely critical to the function of the respective MDAs, proposals such as expenditure on vehicles, furnishing, construction/purchase of office or residential buildings and equipping of non-critical offices will not be accommodated in the 2021 budget. Save these votes.	300,000,000	30,000,000
ERGP1157962	PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE AND FITTINGS IN HQ AND STATE OFFICES	165,701,500		105,701,500	60,000,000
ERGP1157969	PURCHASE OF UTILITY VEHICLES FOR THE HEADQUARTERS	120,000,000		120,000,000	0
ERGP1157456	REHABILITATION OF THE EXISTING NALDA FARM ESTATES IN THE SIX GEOPOLITICAL ZONES	600,375,787	This is not a priority. Furthermore, there are other votes that seek to provide facilities in the farm estates. Save this sum.	466,856,998	133,518,789
Subtotal					1,418,334,036
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT					
ERGP30159633	COMPLETION OF FARMERS MARKET	100,000,000	The project name uses the word 'completion', meanwhile the project is described as a new project. And there is no location. Save this sum.	93,000,000	7,000,000
ERGP30155712	INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROJECTS SUPPORT SERVICES	3,411,305,413	The fact that specific projects have been detailed and provided for should exclude an omnibus vote for non-specified infrastructure, save this sum. This is a strong foundation for mismanaging public funds. Approval of public expenditure must	1,040,740,142	2,370,565,271

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ERGP1161140	CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL ROADS IN SELECTED STATES	1,000,000,000		The fact that specific projects have been detailed and provided for should exclude an omnibus vote for non-specified infrastructure, save this sum. This is a strong foundation for mismanaging public funds. Approval of public expenditure must be for clearly specified and publicly known projects.	900,000,000	100,000,000
ERGP30126578	HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT ON AGRICULTURE	132,505,975		This expenditure head has no deliverables. It is a loose jargon that is not tied to anything. This is coming after specific capacity building votes. Save this sum.	109,251,176	23,254,799
ERGP30155703	ENGINEERING & MECHANIZATION	988,336,424		This is hanging as the phrase engineering and mechanization denotes nothing. The meaning is only known to the crafters of the estimates and unfortunately, public funds cannot be voted for the secret fancy of any public official no matter how highly placed. Save this sum.	840,085,960	148,250,464
ERGP5105275	POLICY COORDINATION, PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES MONITORING AND EVALUATION	1,165,162,563		Policy coordination, M&E cannot gulp over a billion. Save N1bn and use the N165,162,563 for the purpose.	706,904,435	458,258,128
ERGP30155709	ACCESS TO AGRICULTURAL INPUT	54,227,960		This is coming after specific votes have been made for specified agriculture inputs. Save this sum.	46,093,766	8,134,194
Subtotal						3,115,462,856

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Details, specifics, disaggregation, location and deliverables of the activities and projects in the following estimates should be provided by the Ministry before approval by NASS

Code	Project Name	2021 Proposed Amount (N)	2021 Approved Amount (N)
ERGP30105215	AGRIBUSINESS AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT	1,966,771,191	1,095,319,911
ERGP30105223	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF KENAF (JUTE BAGS) VALUE CHAIN	327,212,721	300,852,085
ERGP30105243	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SHEA BUTTER VALUE CHAIN	103,520,733	92,532,525
ERGP30105251	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RUBBER VALUE CHAIN	193,550,627	154,795,017
ERGP30105260	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF GROUNDNUT VALUE CHAIN	549,619,067	439,566,093
ERGP30105265	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SORGHUM/MILLET VALUE CHAIN	494,042,623	395,117,998
ERGP30105076	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF WHEAT VALUE CHAIN	907,291,412	658,734,157
ERGP30105109	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOYA BEANS VALUE CHAIN	460,493,182	393,721,671
ERGP30105123	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MAIZE VALUE CHAIN	482,764,766	412,763,875
ERGP30105133	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE VALUE CHAIN	553,774,787	473,477,443
ERGP30105134	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CASTOR	196,891,361	168,342,114
	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION & HUSBANDRY VALUE CHAIN ²	546,156,792	
ERGP30105160	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CASSAVA VALUE CHAIN	481,127,980	411,364,423
ERGP30105166	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF COWPEA VALUE CHAIN	313,416,063	258,970,734
ERGP30105170	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF YAM VALUE CHAIN	315,222,700	260,515,409
ERGP30105176	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF COCOA VALUE CHAIN	397,006,174	339,440,279
ERGP30105182	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF GUM ARABIC VALUE CHAIN	307,891,964	263,247,629
ERGP30105193	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CASHEW VALUE CHAIN	578,999,315	550,049,349

² This is not even for a specific animal but the whole animals which may include cows, goats, sheep, rabbit, pigs, etc. But there is promotion and development of sheep and goat value chain in the sum of N81,801,178 (ERGP30155464) in the same estimates.

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	ERGP30105197	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SESAME/ACHA VALUE CHAIN	571,270,375	542,706,856	
	ERGP30105192	IRRIGATION AND CROP DEVELOPMENT	2,350,149,118	1,032,641,662	
	ERGP30105199	SUPPORT TO FARMERS GROUP COOPERATIVES	174,732,805	165,996,165	
FEDERAL COLLEGE OF PRODUCE INSPECTION AND STORED PRODUCTS TECHNOLOGY, KANO					
ERGP30121632	CAPACITY BUILDING ON FRUITS AND VEGETABLES PROCESSING	35,000,000	Capacity building for unidentified beneficiaries makes no sense. There are several capacity building provisions in the estimates and this nebulous unclear provision goes to no issue. Save this sum.	35,000,000	0
ERGP30153302	HUMAN CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ON POST HARVEST STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES	20,000,000	Capacity building for unidentified beneficiaries makes no sense. There are several capacity building provisions in the estimates and this nebulous unclear provision goes to issue. Save this sum.	20,000,000	0
Subtotal					0
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (ARMTI) – ILORIN					
ERGP30132357	COLLABORATIVE AGRICULTURAL FINANCING: A CONSORTIUM FOR STAKE HOLDERS	15,000,000	This is a jargon that goes to no issue. Save this sum	15,000,000	0
NATIONAL CENTRE FOR AGRICULTURAL MECHANISATION- ILORIN					
ERGP12145169	CONSTRUCTION OF FEEDER ROADS IN LAGOS STATE	227,265,306	What is the mandate of the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanisation? The vision statement reads: <i>“To be a Centre of Excellence in accelerating mechanization in the agricultural sector of the economy in order to increase the quality and quantity of agricultural</i>	-	227,265,306
ERGP12160820	PAYMENT FOR THE COMPLETION OF MARTINS ROAD, LAGOS	40,816,326		-	40,816,326
ERGP12160832	COMPLETION OF DILAPIDATED	65,306,122		-	65,306,122

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	CLASSROOM BLOCKS IN STADIUM HIGH SCHOOL				
ERGP23145079	COMPLETION OF INFRANSTRUCTURAL UPGRADE OF PRIMARY SCHOLLS IN SELECTED AREAS IN LAGOS	155,102,041	<i>products in Nigeria and Africa". The mission statement reads: "To skillfully engage in innovative and adaptive research leading to design and development of efficient agricultural machineries and technologies using locally sourced materials in order to reduce drudgery and improve the quality of agricultural production and ensure food security for the nation"³. These projects in the proposals are ultra vires the mandate of Centre. They are of doubtful legal validity. They should be saved and re-programmed.</i>	-	155,102,041
ERGP5161087	SUPPLY OF AGRO-CHEMICAL AND AGRICULTURAL INPUTS	81,632,653	The class of beneficiaries is not defined and in the same estimates, there is a vote for SUPPLY OF AGRO-CHEMICALS AND FARM INPUTS IN SELECTED LOCATIONS IN THE SOUTH WEST (ERGP5161079) in the sum of 204,081,633. This clearly shows that this vote is hanging. Save this sum.	81,632,653	0
ERGP30149077	MANPOWER/HUMAM CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	30,600,000	This is hanging as the type of human capital development is not specified and the class of beneficiaries is not defined. Save this sum.	30,600,000	0
Subtotal					488,489,795

³ <https://ncamng.org/>- website of the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanisation, Ilorin.

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NATIONAL CEREALS RESEARCH INSTITUTE- BADEGGI					
ERGP30151004	CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT	23,000,000	This is hanging as the type of human capital development is not specified and the class of beneficiaries is not defined. Save this sum.	23,000,000	0
NATIONAL ROOT CROPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE- UMUDIKE					
ERGP23138488	PROCUREMENT OF 3 NOS OF VEHICLE FOR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS	165,000,000	This is inappropriate and wasteful because the principal officers want vehicles valued at N55m each, likely an imported SUV. New cars cannot be a priority in these lean times. If the officers must drive new cars, not more than N10m per car will get them a new locally made Nigerian car. The 2021 Budget Call Circular (under Admissible Capital Projects - 4.5.3) states that except where absolutely necessary to the functioning of the MDA, proposals for vehicles will not be accommodated in the 2021 budget. Save and re-programme this sum.	165,000,000	0
ERGP23138494	PROCUREMENT OF 1 NOS PROJECT HILUX JEEP	40,000,000	Same arguments as above. This is inappropriate and wasteful to buy one Hilux Jeep at N40m. Save and re-programme this sum	40,000,000	0
Subtotal				-	0
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE ZURU, KEBBI STATE					

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ERGP22152222	PURCHASE OF PROJECT VEHICLES	100,000,000	Same position as above. Out of a capital vote of N600m, the University is programming this much for vehicles. Save and re-programme this sum.	150,000,000	0
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING- IBADAN					
23010105	PURCHASE OF MOTOR VEHICLES	150,720,545	Same position as above. Save and re-programme this sum.	150,720,545	0
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NALDA)					
ERGP1157969	PURCHASE OF UTILITY VEHICLES FOR THE HEADQUARTERS	120,000,000	Same position as stated in the long line of proposals for the purchase of motor vehicles. Save and re-programme this sum.	120,000,000	0
FEDERAL COLLEGE OF FRESH WATER FISHERIES TECHNOLOGY - NEW BUSSA					
ERGP30156974=	PROCUREMENT OF UTILITY VEHICLES	35,000,000	Same position as above. Save and re-programme this sum.	35,000,000	0
FEDERAL COLLEGE OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY – VOM					
ERGP23153108	PURCHASE OF 1NOS TOYOTA HILUX FOR BOARD CHAIRMAN AND 1NOS JEEP FOR THE COLLEGE PROVOST/CEO OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENT	60,550,000	Save and re-programme this sum. Same arguments as this is vanity upon vanity.	60,550,000	0
FEDERAL COLLEGE OF FRESH WATER FISHERIES – BAGA					
ERGP5151489	PROCUREMENT OF PROJECT VEHICLE	48,600,700	Save and re-programme this sum as the same above arguments apply.	48,600,700	0
FEDERAL CO-OPERATIVE COLLEGE- IBADAN					
ERGP30155684	PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLES	67,467,238	Save and re-programme this sum as the same above arguments apply.	67,467,238	0

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ERGP30160738	PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY OF VEHICLE (HILUX BRAND) FOR SECURITY AND COMMUNITY POLICING IN DOGUWA/TUDUN WADA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, KANO STATE	150,000,000	Save and re-programme this sum. At what point is a cooperative college entitled to procure vehicles for community policing? No relevance to the mandate of the agency.	150,000,000	0
NIGERIA STORED PRODUCTS RESEARCH, ILORIN					
ERGP30154787	A SURVEY TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FOOD LOSSES IN THE POST HARVEST AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN IN NIGERIA	260,000,000	This study is wasteful and irrelevant to the realities of the moment. Even if a study is needed, it would not cost so much. Save this sum.	210,000,000	50,000,000
FEDERAL COLLEGE OF FRESH WATER FISHERIES TECHNOLOGY - NEW BUSSA					
<p>1. ERGP3160968: CONSTRUCTION OF ULTRA - MODERN AQUATIC MARKET WITH SOLAR STREET LIGHTS AND LANDSCAPING IN ETSU MUSA MARKET, ESUA FURA, BIDA (ZONE 2) NEW: 200,000,000</p> <p>2. ERGP3160973: CONSTRUCTION OF ULTRA - MODERN AQUATIC MARKET WITH SOLAR STREET LIGHTS AND LANDSCAPING IN ETSU MUSA MARKET, TAKO WASA, BIDA (ZONE 1) NEW: 200,000,000</p> <p>3. ERGP3160977: CONSTRUCTION OF ULTRA - MODERN AQUATIC MARKET WITH SOLAR STREET LIGHTS AND LANDSCAPING IN ETSU MUSA MARKET, TAKO WASA, BIDA (ZONE 2) NEW: 200,000,000</p> <p>2021 Approved Budget totaled = 600,000,000</p>					
NIGERIA INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND MARINE RESEARCH					
<p>1. ERGP3160958: CONSTRUCTION OF ULTRA MODERN AQUATIC MARKET WITH SOLAR STREET LIGHTS AND LANDSCAPING IN ETSU MUSA MARKET, CINEMA ROAD, BIDA (ZONE 1) NEW: 200,000,000</p>					

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2. ERGP3160960:	CONSTRUCTION OF ULTRA MODERN AQUATIC MARKET WITH SOLAR STREET LIGHTS AND LANDSCAPING IN ETSU MUSA MARKET, CINEMA ROAD, BIDA (ZONE 2) NEW: 200,000,000				
3. ERGP3160962:	CONSTRUCTION OF ULTRA MODERN AQUATIC MARKET WITH SOLAR STREET LIGHTS AND LANDSCAPING IN ETSU MUSA MARKET, ESUA FURA, BIDA (ZONE 1) NEW: 200,000,000				
<p>These provisions from the FEDERAL COLLEGE OF FRESH WATER FISHERIES TECHNOLOGY - NEW BUSSA and the NIGERIA INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND MARINE RESEARCH appear to have provided for one and the same set of projects. The second set of provisions amounting to N600m under the Nigeria Institute of Oceanography and Marine Research should be saved.</p>					600,000,000
<p>2021 Approved Budget =600,000,000</p>					

**TOTAL SAVINGS IS IN THE SUM OF FIVE BILLION, SEVENTY TWO MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SEVEN NAIRA
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