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A REPORT OF CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATORY MEETING FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE 2026 CITIZEN'S BUDGET IN BRASS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA.

Executive summary

Consequent upon the invitation of critical stakeholders of Brass Local Government Area, through Newspaper publication and Radio announcement, the citizen public interaction session for the preparation of the 2026 citizen's budget was held on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at about 12:15pm at the council secretariat, Town Brass.

The number of stakeholders who attended the meeting was about 110. The main aim of the meeting was to collate the views of the critical stakeholders towards the preparation of 2026 citizen's budget. This is in tandem with the requirement of the Fiscal Responsibility law 2009 in section 22 (2) as amended.

The focus of the meeting was to encourage citizen's participation in line with the present administration's bottom-top approach budgeting.

The local government Executive chairman who was represented by the vice chairman Hon. (Mrs.) Juliet I.O Russia highlighted priority areas that required the input for overall benefit for the citizens. For instance economic growth, social development, infrastructure advancement, environmental sustainability, cultural preservation and security.

After exhaustive deliberation the following resolutions were made:

1. Improvement in the educational infrastructure particularly primary schools, including recruitment of school teachers.
2. Construction and rehabilitation of existing health facilities with the required personnel be given a priority attention.
3. Agricultural activities should be boosted through government's aggressive intervention especially the provision of boats and other fishing tools.

4. Construction of concrete roads to connect communities to ease access and movement of our people.
5. Sustenance of citizens' preparatory interactive budget preparation process
6. Security of lives and property: More efforts will be made to improve on the security architecture of the L.G.A.

INTRODUCTION:

Brass Local Government Chairman did say that the policy of the **ASSURED PROSPERITY** is keying into the Fiscal Responsibility law 2009, section 22 (2). That budgetary process particularly preparation should be bottom-top approach. This means that transparency, accountability and citizen's participation in public governance and fulfillment of moral demands and commitment towards stewardship.

In line with the foregoing, critical stakeholders such as traditional rulers, youth groups, women groups, CDCs, trade and market unions and civil society organizations, supervisors and Heads of departments, were invited to participate in the process. This interactive meeting was held on Tuesday 2nd December, 2025, whereby various suggestions were made. And he assured them that their suggestions will be looked into and reflected in the budget according to the availability of resources.

Main focus of the budget programme:

1. To make the Local Government's intention clearer to the citizens
2. To improve service delivery in the L.G.A
3. To make Government's area of interest known to the people
4. Serving as a guide for preparing the 2026 citizen's budget
5. Building synergy with the citizens on decision making annually.

However, this budget proposal is more or less focused on these critical areas;

1. Education
2. Health
3. Security
4. Agriculture
5. Roads


CITIZENS INTERACTIVE SESSION

At the end of the interactive session different questions and concerns were raised:

1. The Local Government should invest in youths by way of entrepreneurship and small and medium scale enterprises since government cannot employ all i.e skill acquisition.
2. **Security:** The security of lives and properties should be taken as a priority concern; this is because Brass Local Government area is surrounded by water.
3. Critical infrastructure like health facilities, primary school buildings, and roads should be spread across the three constituencies of the L.G.A.
4. Physically challenged persons should be captured across all communities in the L.G.A and provide necessary support to them.
5. Lastly, Women groups such as cooperatives should be registered and soft and revolving loans should be given to them.

CONCLUSION

In summary, the citizen's participatory interactive budget preparation meeting which is an innovation was well attended by stakeholders. They were assured that even though all projects suggested cannot be accommodated due to financial constraints, a good number of them will be captured. This brought the meeting to a close.



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