



Directorate of Budget and Economic Planning **History, Vision / Mission, Mandates, Functions and Structure**

At the creation of Jigawa State in 1991, there was a Department of Budget and Economic Planning under the State Ministry of Finance, Industry and Cooperatives headed by a Director. This Department was subsequently upgraded to the status of a Directorate under the Governor's Office headed by a Director General and later by a Permanent Secretary due to civil service reforms when the DG status was reverted to that of a Permanent Secretary. This was the case for the period from 1994 to 2002. Late 2002 the Directorate was further upgraded to Ministerial Status and formally named the Ministry of State Joint Planning, Budget and Expenditure Control after bringing the Project Implementation and Monitoring Unit (PIMU) under the purview of the Ministry. PIMU used to be a Unit under the Governor's Office headed by a Director General operating more as a "Due Process Office" that ensured compliance to due process in public procurement. The 'Expenditure Control' function of the Ministry was principally being performed by the PIMU where a 'secretary' was appointed serving more like a Departmental Director who assisted the Commissioner in running the Unit. Following the restructuring exercise carried out in 2007, the Ministry was reverted back to its Directorate status under the supervision of Ministry for Finance and Economic Planning which remains till date.

The Directorate currently has five functional Departments made up of four operational departments and one service department each headed by a Director. The operational departments are so called because they are performing functions that are derived directly from the core statutory mandate of the Directorate. These are the Budget Department, Planning Department, SDGs Coordination & Monitoring Department and Statistics Department. The Administration & Finance Department performs the general administrative functions of the Directorate.

While there is no law establishing the Directorate of Budget and Economic Planning Directorate, yet its core mandates are directly derived from the Constitution and other Government Statues. Section 120 (1 – 3) is about Powers and Control over Public Funds, While Sections 121 and 122 are about the preparation of annual appropriations, supplementary appropriations and other related matters. The Public Finances (Control and Management Act) talked about the "development of Economic Policies"; , Establishment of the Consolidated Revenue Fund" and issues of monies therefrom; estimates of Revenue and Expenditure; Supplementary Appropriations; and a host of other provisions that directly centers on the roles and mandates of Budget and Economic Planning Agencies. The Economic Planning and Fiscal Responsibility Law also has whole Sections dealing with "Medium Term Expenditure Plans"; "The Annual Budget Process"; "Budgetary Planning of State Government Owned Companies and Public Enterprises" and "Budgetary Execution and Attainment of Targets".

2.1- Vision and MissionIn line with its core mandates, functions and strategic objectives set to be achieved in the medium to long term, the Vision and Mission of BEPD are provided as follows:

VISION:

To have a Reform-Minded Ministry imbued with the Principles of Professionalism, Teamwork Spirits and Serving as a Role Model in the pursuit of Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness in the Management of Human and Material Resources

MISSION:

To provide a framework for the pursuit of public policies within the context of Public Expenditure Management Systems that constantly take due cognizance of existing and emerging best practices in the Art and Science of Public Policy Management for the ultimate objectives of socioeconomic development and empowerment of the people of Jigawa State.

2.1 – Mandates / Functions and Strategic Objectives

- [i] Coordinating the implementation of annual planning and budget cycle as contained in the State Budget Calendar. This includes among others:
 - Preparation of Medium Term Expenditure Framework [MTEF] including Economic & Fiscal Updates, Fiscal Strategy Paper and Budget Policy Statements;
 - Preparation of sectoral resource envelopes and budget ceilings for the annual budget preparation;
 - Preparation of Medium Term Sector Plans (MTSS and MTEP as the case may be);
 - Preparation of annual budget culminating in the draft Appropriation Bill submitted to the House of Assembly annually;
- [ii] Monitor and report on the performance of budget implementation and recommend strategies for improved/sustainable performance and effectiveness. This may be on **quarterly and or bi-annual** basis and involves continuous collection, collation and analysis of returns on budget [expenditure and revenue] performance from MDAs and key PFM agencies (Treasury, Due Process Bureau and Revenue Board]
- [iii] Issuance of Financial Warrants;
- [iv] Coordination of entire economic development and planning processes in the state particularly as with regards to the preparation of State Development Policy Documents, Development Sectoral Policies as well as other derived sectoral medium-term plans;
- [v] Coordination and Monitoring of Millennium Development Goals initiatives in the State and that integration of that into State Economic Planning Framework. This also includes coordinating / overseeing the implementation of MDGs Conditional Grants Scheme [State and Local Government Tracks] jointly funded with the Federal Government;
- [vi] Aid Management and Donor Coordination
- [vii] Statistics and Monitoring & Evaluation [M & E] functions including collection, collation and dissemination of Statistical Data, undertaking Sector Performance Evaluation, undertaking periodic socioeconomic / Statistical Surveys, etc.

2.1.1 - Budget Department coordinates the entire annual budget process. Core functions of the Department include among others coordinating the process of the annual budget preparation through a participatory process involving all Government Agencies; Management of the budget implementation process including processing and issuance of various financial warrants such as the General Release Warrant and other in-year budget adjustment warrants such as Virement Warrant and Contingency Transfer Warrant; and preparation of in-year periodic reports on budget implementation in conjunction with the other Departments.

2.1.2 - Planning Department performs a number of the Economic Planning Functions of the Directorate. The Department coordinates preparation of the overall Development Policy Document the current one being the Jigawa State Comprehensive Development Framework (CDF). The department supports and works with all Government Agencies in preparing Medium Term Plans for implementation through the annual budget process. The Department also performs Donor Coordination and Aid Management functions which involve coordination and monitoring of the activities of International Development Agencies in the state. This function also entails ensuring effective integration of donor support and technical assistance within the overall state development framework.

2.1.3 - MDGs Coordination & Monitoring Department - This Department, established early 2008, plays an important role in the quest of the state Government to achieve the millennium goal. The initiative is to enable Government put its acts together in addressing the Millennium Development Goals and to ensure that they are fully synchronized and integrated with all State's development policy objectives as captured in the State Development Policy Document. The Department also serves as the State Focal Office for the implementation of Millennium Development Goals Conditional Grants project being supported by the Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on MDGS. This functions covers preparation of the State CGS Proposals and coordinating the entire CGS projects/programmes implementation. Most recent addition to the Directorate is the State Operations and Coordination Operations Unit (SOCU) of the National Social Investment Programme being implemented through the National Social Safety Nets Coordination Unit in the Office of the Vice President.

2.1.4 - Statistics Department - This department serve as the State's Central Statistical Agency akin to the National Bureau of Statistics at the Federal Level. In liaison with Departments for Planning, Research and Statistics in the Line Ministries and Local Government Councils, the department serves as the data bank for the state. It undertakes periodic statistical publications such as the Statistical Year Book, Facts and Figures and periodic statistical surveys such as the CWIQ Survey and Market Calendars. It is envisaged that the Department will be upgraded to the Status of a State Bureau for Statistics following the development and approval of the State Statistical Master Plan.

2.6 – Other Functions - The Budget and Economic Planning Directorate also performs other key functions including

- Serves as the Secretariat of the Economic Planning Board established Law No. 8 of 2016 which performs several functions including determining and recommending on the development policies of the state including coordinating the economic development activities of the Local Government Councils as provided in section 7(3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1999);
- Serves as the focal Agency for implementing the Fiscal Responsibility Reforms initiatives for which a law was passed in 2008;
- Serves as the Secretariat of the Committee on Food and Nutrition
- Serves as the Secretariat for Jigawa State Development Partners Forum;

BEPD – Roles & Mandates

- ✓ Coordination of entire economic development and planning processes in the state particularly as with regards to the preparation of State Development Policy Documents, Development of Sectoral Policies as well as other derived sectoral medium-term plans
- ✓ Coordinating the preparation and implementation of annual planning and budget key aspects of which includes:
 - Preparation of Medium Term Expenditure Framework [MTEF] including Economic & Fiscal Updates, Fiscal Strategy Paper and Budget Policy Statements;
 - Coordinates the preparation of Medium Term Sectoral Plans (MTSS and MTEP as the case may be);
 - Preparation of annual budget leading to the enactment of the annual Appropriation Law.

BEPD Functions / Mandates...

- ✓ Coordinates the adoption of International Policies and their appropriate integration into State Development Policies / Plans such as the MDGs, SDGs, National Gender Policy,
- ✓ Monitor and report on the performance of budget implementation and recommend strategies for improved/sustainable performance and effectiveness;
- ✓ Issuance of Financial Warrants;
- ✓ Aid Management and Donor Coordination;
- ✓ Reform coordination;
- ✓ Statistics and Monitoring & Evaluation [M & E] functions including collection, collation and dissemination of Statistical Data, undertaking Sector Performance Evaluation, undertaking periodic socioeconomic / Statistical Surveys, etc.

3. Reform Initiatives / Memorandum of Understanding

In line with the reform agenda of the state as contained in the CDF, BEPD has, in collaboration with a number of Development Partners – particularly the DFID Funded SPARC Programme – pursued several reform largely in the area of Public Expenditure & Financial Management, Policy & Strategy and Public Service Management. Areas covered include:

- The preparation and subsequent passage of two pieces legislations namely Jigawa State Economic Planning and Fiscal Responsibility Law and the State Due Process Law;
- Public Expenditure and Financial Management Reforms including the successful implementation of an integrated financial management information system (IFMIS) which provides a computer automated platform for budget preparation (Budget and Planning Directorate) and budget execution (Treasury Department) with an interface for salary and pensions administration;
- Reform in Policy and Strategy involving the introduction of medium term sectoral planning. Under this initiative, nine (9) sectors were supported by the Directorate to prepare medium term sector strategies (MTSS in 6 Sector – Education, Health and Water & Sanitation, Environment, Agriculture, Commerce,) and medium term expenditure plan (MTEP) in three sectors namely economic empowerment, women & social development, and critical infrastructure);
- Participates in the corporate planning initiatives that seek to achieve a planned organizational change for better performance. In addition to working with the Public Service Reform Team under Office of the Head of Service, the Directorate is currently building the capacity of Sector Desk Officers identified as potential change agents in the reform process;
- In the area of implementation of donor supported programmes, the Directorate has also effectively coordinated the conception and implementation of EU-supported Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Reform Project (WSSSRP), Support to Reforming Institutions Programme, UNICEF Supported Programme and Water Aid Supported Water & Hygiene Development. Several Water and Sanitation projects were implemented under these initiatives largely in the selected focal LGAs. Like the CGS Projects, the Directorate is a co-signatory in the implementation of these projects. (implemented projects include over 400 hand pumps, about 20 solar schemes, several VIP Latrines and upgrading of small towns water schemes in about 20 communities;

In the implementation of some of the projects and programme supported by Development partners, MoUs were signed with the State Government including the following:

- I. DFID supported GEMS 3 Programme MoU signed on support to Tax, Land and Investment Reforms;
- II. EU/NPC/World Bank MoU signed on Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Reform Project (WSSSRP II) and State and Local Governance Reform Programme (SLOGR). The State Government was presented by Ministry of Water Resources and Ministry of Finance (BEPD) respectively;
- III. PAHTHS 2 (succeeded by MNCH 2) signed an MoU with State Government represented by Ministry of Health on recruitment of critical health personnel on ‘regressional financing basis’;

IV. UNICEF on various areas of support including M & E, Basic Education, Water and Sanitation, Emergency Preparedness and Nutrition;