Citizens Engagement and Project Tracking for Public Services Delivery
About BudgIT

BudgIT works to simplify arcane public data for citizens and using digital and offline access to incentivize collective action.

The goal is to ensure that every citizen irrespective of their literacy span and level of interest in governance understands public data and uses such information to spark informed debate and create civic action needed for institutional reform.
The Issues

An Opaque System: In an evolving democratic state such as Nigeria there exists an opaque curtain around public funds, giving room for corruption to thrive.

A Poorly Educated Citizenry: With the public finance stated in an arcane fashion, it is tough for citizens to especially grasp how public revenues will be spent.

A Weak State: Nigerian sub-nationals with a record of poor institutions and graft have not raised the bar of governance and with the dip in oil prices, they have not been able to meet even basic responsibility such as paying teachers, doctors and other workers.
Our work

Our 4 Key Pillars

1. Budget Access
   Ensuring that every citizen has equal access to the budget in a very simple and accessible manner. This includes the use of infographics and interactive applications to engage citizens in online/offline access.

2. Project Tracking
   BudgIT in 2014 launched a civic project monitoring platform known as Tracka. Tracka is focused on building a community of citizens who demand service delivery in their areas.

3. Extractive Transparency
   90% of Nigeria’s revenue is tied to oil and the entire space has been soaked in iron-cast opacity. Recent efforts to open it up needs to be properly guided. BudgIT works to simplify the data & work with willing institutions.

4. Institutional Support
   BudgIT works with key public institutions to embrace transparency and accountability. This include creative use of data, capacity building and consulting. Projects such as Open Government Partnership are included in this bracket.
We are part of a growing community
From a jargon……

How many pages are in Nigerian budget?

1944 pages
......to a social object!
Embedding Citizens & Institutions in every budget phase

Proposed Budget
We simplify the budgets. We are providing quick analysis to the citizen, media and public institutions. We also detail frivolous items in the budgets, passing the information to citizens and government.

We make headlines

Approved Budget
We simplify the approved budget, deliver policy notes for public institutions. We pay deeper attention to sectoral allocations such as health & education. We mine projects for citizens to track.
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**Budget Implementation Phase**

We provide updates to citizens on the performance of the budget, explaining what needs civic attention as we proceed!

**Tracking Public Projects**

We track public projects, giving access to citizens to see the line items in the budget. We empower them to hold government to account.
How we approach our work!

**Data Mining and Verification:** Mined public data is verified by an independent person within the organisation to ensure that there are no errors, especially in situations when there are format conversions.

**Sharing:** Using our web footprint, BudgIT shares our products by means of social media network, mainstream media and other online tools. BudgIT has also provided data to citizens who have no access to the Internet by printed text.

**Creative Display:** After data analysis, the best creative pattern in which to represent data is chosen. It may be by the use of an interactive platform or infographics.

**Feedback:** BudgIT uses its feedback systems to improve its engagement with citizens. Feedback from citizens is aggregated in reports and sent to government institutions to request that the latter act in the best interests of the citizens.

**Capacity Development:** Using strategy, data and research to develop the ideas among civil society to strengthen advocacy on issues relating to extractive sector in Nigeria.
We take Project Tracking Serious

Collaborate, monitor, track and give feedback

Tracka is a community of active citizens tracking the implementation of government projects in their community to ensure service delivery.

How we work

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https://tracka.ng/#carousel-example-generic
How we work?

1. Desk officers identify all constituency projects in the Budget and send to Project Tracking Officers on the Field
2. Project Tracking Officers on the Field visit project location
3. Community & Online Engagement
   - www.tracka.ng
   - @tracka
   - TownHall Meetings
4. Engagement with Government & Law Makers
   - We send FOI Requests
CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO SENIOR GIRLS HOSTEL AND 1 NO JUNIOR BOY IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OGBOMOSO NORTH LGA OYO STATE

Despite the time taken due to protocols in order to follow up and to access the vital and useful information about the said projects, I was told and denied that such information cannot be divulge to an NGO's officer who has not gotten permission or formal letter from the ministry of Education as regards his proposed intention. However, I tried to request from one of the workers inside the school and I learnt that the construction of the said projects is going on. Fortunately for me I met the carpenters currently working during this visit on 5th October 2020.

Posted by: Adeyemi Ademuyiwa
Category: 2020 FG Constituency Projects
Status: In Progress

REHABILITATION OF ACCESS ROAD IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OGBOMOSO OYO STATE

When I visited the school on Friday 2nd October 2020, I observed that the access road to the school through main gate has been cleared and ready for the stone base before it would be finally tarred. I also noticed that the contractor was making some measures on the road during this visit purported to perfect the road.

Posted by: Adeyemi Ademuyiwa
Civic Updates

Ademuyiwa Adeyemi

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Project Details

CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO SENIOR GIRLS HOSTEL AND 1 NO JUNIOR BOY IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OGBOMOSO NORTH LGA OYO STATE

Amount: ₦25,149,000.00
Location: Ogbomosho North, Oyo
Posted By: Ademuyiwa Adeyemi
Category: 2020 FG Constituency Projects
Date: 4 days ago

Step 1

Title of Report *

E:g Pothole at Jibowu Roundabout

Describe your Report *

Add description

Project Amount (Optional)

Amount with no commas E:g 5000000

Amount disbursed (Optional)

Amount with no commas E:g 5000000

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## Special Intervention - CoVID-19

**Nigerians Demand Accountability**

Track Covid-19 donations given to the federal and state governments of Nigeria ranging from private and public, local and international organizations.

### All Donations

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Special Intervention –
Home School Feeding Program
Special Intervention – Conditional Cash Transfer

TrackaNG @TrackaNG · Apr 16
Today, our community champion representative in Osi ward Ekiti LGA, Kwara state, tracked the FG conditional cash transfer and confirmed that selected beneficiaries got N30,000 as social distancing was observed at the payment center. #COVID19 @Sadiya_farouq

TrackaNG @TrackaNG · Apr 17
This afternoon, our katsina state tracking officer revisited Dabai Bayawa ward, Batagarawa LGA, to monitor the FG conditional cash transfer and confirmed that no more DEDUCTION of N5,000 for PHONE and ASSOCIATION FEES by community members, beneficiaries got their N20,000 stipends.

TrackaNG @TrackaNG · Apr 15
Today, our katsina state tracking officer tracked the FG conditional cash transfer and confirmed that selected beneficiaries got N15,000 in Dabai Bayawa Ward, Batagarawa LGA. Findings reveal that N5,000 were deducted from the cash being payment for ... Show this thread

TrackaNG @TrackaNG · Apr 17
@katsinapost
Stimulate Discussion Around Related Current Trends. BudgIT keeps track of online and offline discussions and seeks to provide data around these topics.
Develop Great Feedback Mechanisms

We engage with users through discussion channels and social media. Many users want to know about stories behind the data and many ask for our opinion.

Household Uplifting Programme (HUP) @HUPcct · May 1
The allegation of extortion of NGN 5,000 from beneficiaries in Dabaibaya Ward, Batagarawa Local Government Area, Katsina state recently tweeted by a reporter @TrackaNG has been investigated by the Grievance Redress Team of the programme and here are the findings:

TrackaNG @TrackaNG · Apr 15
Dear @HUPcct and @FMHDS

Kindly help clarify why are they deducting N5,000 being payment for phone and Association fees at Dabaibaya Ward, Batagarawa LGA our tracking officer reported today. @Sadiya_farouq @ICPC_PE @toluogunlesi @seunoniginde

Show this thread

Household Uplifting Programme (HUP) @HUPcct · May 1
The beneficiaries were paid NGN 20,000 at the payment point by the Payment Service Providers (PSP) as earlier stated in our tweet of 15th of April, 2020, in response to @TrackaNG. The beneficiaries had seen the need for ease in communication and agreed to delegate the beneficiaries.
Make it Local
For a dataset targeted at a particular group, BudgIT aims to localize its content and to promote a channel of discussion that connects to the needs and interests of particular groups of users.
Every Media Channel Counts but Humans are the focus
BudgIT sees all channels - online & offline - as tools to build engagement with citizens. We apply tools as we find them useful, creating an incentive for citizens to act.
Supporting Institutions is Critical
Not only citizens need help on the budget, even government, media, CSOs etc. need new perspectives on the budget. We are helping states design citizen budgets in Nigeria
Our Results

12,250,000
Estimated Reach in Nigeria.

#1
#1 fiscal transparency group

156
Open Alliance Membership

#10
#10 Government institutions

6
Six repeating donor organizations

970,000
Social Media Reach

#32
Tracka presence in 32 states

#35
35 core staff with minimal turnover rates
Our objectives are valid everywhere

We cannot do this work alone to achieve the needed scale; and that is why we seek partnerships with other civil society organisations and international bodies.
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