

PRODUCING A CITIZENS' BUDGET FOR GHANA

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Penplusbytes in Partnership with Financial Accountability and Transparency Africa (FAT-Africa) with support from Star Ghana

The Government Budget is a Program-Based Budget crafted along various programs to be executed by the various Ministries, Departments and Agencies. The essence of the Citizen's Budget is to disaggregate the structure of the national budget onto the local platform where the citizenry see themselves as the final beneficiaries of these programs.

The project is designed to stimulate citizens' interest to meaningfully participate in contributing to a budget that seeks their own welfare, by making national budget information readily accessible to them through the publication of Citizen Friendly version presented in a language devoid of technical jargons and in a format that ordinary people can understand. This project seeks to simplify key aspects of the budget and will be disseminated as printed copies, online version, SMS and Mobile App. Focusing on health, education, housing and agriculture sectors, the project will hold public budget reading fora to disseminate simplified budget and monitor status of budget implementation.

'Producing a Citizens' budget for Ghana' project's overall outcome is to ensure public participation, provoke debate and help shape public policy.

Objectives

- Produce and disseminate the simplified version of the budget information to help demystify government budgeting and financial governance as a whole.
- Serve as a reference material for educating the public about their civic responsibility of paying taxes and by extension, demanding accountability from government.
- Empower citizens to be involved in the monitoring and tracking of status of budget implementation.

Penplusbytes and FAT AFRICA consortium

Penplusbytes' pedigree in good governance and technology, new media and innovations, and extractive sector, combined with Financial Accountability and Transparency Africa's (FAT AFRICA) extensive expertise in promoting financial transparency and budget monitoring, positioned the two consortium members not only to implement this project successfully, but also ensuring that project outcome and/or results are achieved.

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