

Plateau State Women Economic Empowerment Funding 2018-2022

Synopsis

Women’s economic empowerment has been recognised as a bridge to glaring gender disparity across the globe. It is recognized that investing in WEE through training and financial support boosts productivity, increases economic diversification and income equality in addition to other positive development outcomes. According to a 2011 FAO report, when a woman is given the same access to productive resources as men, on average they could increase yields on their farms by 20–30 percent. Raewyn & Diane (2014) have also argued that investment in Women Economic Empowerment helps to reduce gender issues relating to land acquisition by allowing women secure rights to land, reduce difficulties in securing labour and credit, and prevent inequitable access to herbicides, fertilizers, and extension service. According to the World Bank (2018), there is growing global evidence that shows that ensuring economic opportunities for women is an important entry point for ensuring better education, health, and nutrition outcomes for families. In this regard, this work reviewed the Plateau State’s government funding commitment to Women economic empowerment in annual appropriations between 2018 and 2022.

Table 1: WEE Statistics in Plateau State

State	Own Asset (House) Alone	Own Asset (Land) Alone	Control over own Cash Earning
Plateau	2.7%	4.6%	53.6%

Source: NDHS 2018

Plateau State WEE Budgetary Allocation

In Plateau State, the number of specific programmes/projects on Women Economic Empowerment (WEE) within the Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs) increased by 10 (1000%) in 2020, 4 (36.36%) in 2021 and no such programmes/projects in the proposed 2022 budget.

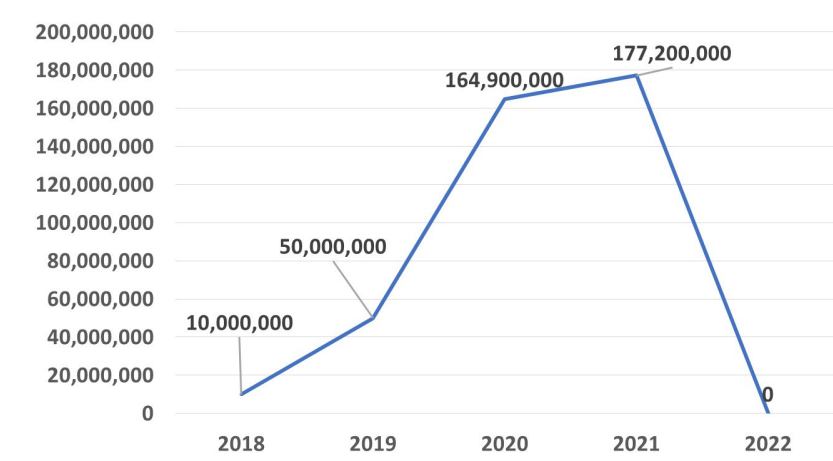
Table 2: Number of WEE Specific Projects in the Budget 2019-2022

Year	Number of WEE Specific Projects in the Budget	Implementing MDAs	Total SMoWAs Capital Budget	% Increase of WEE projects/ programmes	% Increase MoWAs Capital Budget
2019	1	1	130,500,000	-	-
2020	11	2	130,500,000	1000%	0%
2021	15	2	707,500,000	36.36%	-85.86
2022	Nil	Nil	100,000,000	Nil	Nil

Source: Plateau State Appropriation Law 20219, 2020, 2021 and Proposed 2022 Budget

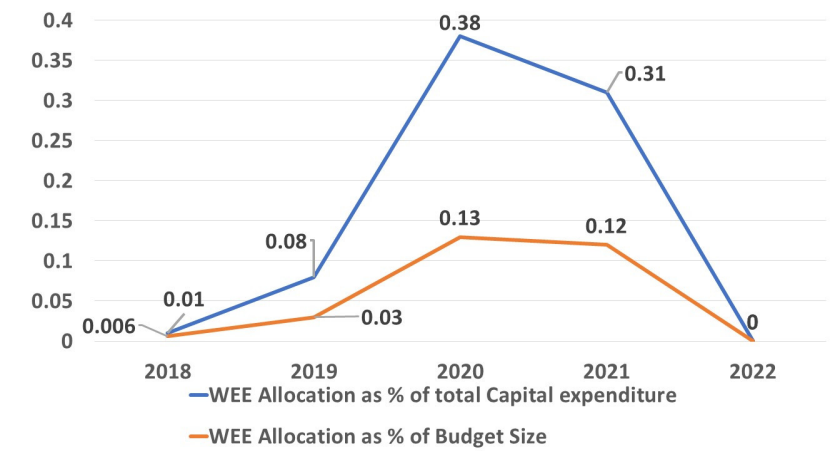
Recall that the State government allocated the sum of N60 million to WEE-specific programmes in the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years. This was increased to #164 million in 2020 and N177 million in 2021 fiscal years and there was not such allocation in the proposed 2022 budget.

Plateau State Women Economic Empowerment Budget Trend 2018-2022 in Million of Naira



During this period, 0.01% of the state’s total capital budget was allocated on WEE in 2018. It rose to 0.08% 2019, 0.38% in 2020 and reduced to 0.31% in 2021. On the other hand, the total WEE allocated fund as percentage of the budget size was 0.006% in 2018. It rose to 0.03% 2019, 0.13% in 2020 and reduced to 0.12% in the 2021 fiscal years. There is nothing of this nature in proposed 2022 budget.

Plateau State WEE Budget as % of Capital and Total Budget Size 2018-2021



Between 2018 and 2021, the state has about three MDAs specifically implementing WEE programmes. These are Plateau State Microfinance Development Agency, Plateau State Emergency Relief and Management and the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development. Therefore in 2022 proposed budget, none has shown any commitment or allocated any funding specifically to WEE.

1 NBS 2021
2 https://globaljournals.org/GJHSS_Volume16/4-Analysis-of-Women-Empowerment.pdf

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Table 3: Plateau State WEE Budget Trend 2018-2022 – in Millions of Naira

Implementing Agency	WEE-Related Budget Lines	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 Proposed
Plateau State Microfinance Development Agency	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Jos North Constituency	-	-	15,000,000	-	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Kantana Constituency	-	-	8,400,000	-	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Mangu North Constituency	-	-	17,000,000	-	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Mikang Constituency	-	-	9,500,000	-	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Qua'anpan-North Constituency	-	-	15,000,000	-	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Jos South Constituency	-	-	20,000,000	-	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Shendam Constituency	-	-	15,000,000	-	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Pengana Constituency	-	-	15,000,000	-	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Barkin Ladi Constituency	-	-	20,000,000	-	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Across Quan'anpan South Constiency	-	-	20,000,000	-	-
Plateau State Emergency Relief and Management	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Langtang South Constituency	-	-	-	5,000,000	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Mangu North Constituency	-	-	-	13,400,000	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Dengi Constituency	-	-	-	30,000,000	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Jos North North Constituency	-	-	-	15,000,000	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Pankshin South Constituency	-	-	-	10,000,000	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Pengana Constituency	-	-	-	15,000,000	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Kanke Constituency	-	-	-	13,000,000	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Wase Constituency	-	-	-	13,400,000	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Quanpan North Constituency	-	-	-	18,400,000	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Kantana Constituency	-	-	-	10,000,00	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Rukuba Irigwe Constituency	-	-	-	5,000,000	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Mangu South Constituency	-	-	-	10,000,000	-
	Empowerment of Youths & Women, Mikang Constituency	-	-	-	7,000,000	-
	Skill Acquisition, Kwande, Quanpan South Constituency	-	-	-	17,000,000	-
Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development	Renovation of Women Multi-Purpose Development Centre	10,000,000	50,000,000	10,000,000	5,000,000	-
Total		10,000,000	50,000,000	164,900,000	177,200,000	Nil
WEE Allocation as % of Total Capital Expenditure		0.01	0.08	0.38	0.31	-
WEE Allocation as % of Budget Size		0.006	0.03	0.13	0.12	-

Source: Plateau State 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 Budget Estimates

It could also be seen from the table below that several other programmes that appears in 2021 do not exist in 2022 proposed budget and the only empowerment programme in the budget is N3 billion through agriculture with no details sex desegregation, number, and category of people to benefit from the programme.

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Table 4: Non-Sex Disaggregated Empowerment Programmes

Implementing MDAs	Empowerment Budget Lines	2021	2022
Plateau State Peace Building Agency	Social Investment Programmes	25,000,000	Nil
Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development	Building of Skills Acquisition Centres Southern & Northern Senatorial Zones of the state	20,000,000	Nil
Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development	Grant in Aid Community Development projects/programmes, in the Three Senatorial Zones	5,000,000	Nil
Policy	Economic Empowerment Through Agriculture (General)	6,797,482,977	3,028,632,977

Source: Plateau State Approved 2021 and 2022 Budget Estimate

Key Findings

- The State do not have any specific funding commitment in the proposed 2022 budget focusing specifically on women economic empowerment.
- There is no MDAs with specific budget line for the women economic empowerment or women economic collectives/cooperative.
- The only economic empowerment through agriculture budget with a N3 billion funding commitment was not gender disaggregated. In essence, how much and what number of women beneficiaries, if any, was not stated.

Recommendations

- There is a need to ensure specific funding in the appropriation law targeting women economic empowerment.
- There is need for MDAs to prioritize women economic empowerment as part of their policy priority.
- The lump sum empowerment budget should always be sex-disaggregated to be able to know whether or not women will benefit.
- Lastly, there is need for adequate and timely releases of fund for women economic empowerment to ensure that more women in their individuals and groups are able to access necessary funding to improve their socioeconomic wellbeing and contribute effectively to the state’s economy.

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