

26/4/2016

Mr Abubakar Malami (SAN)
The Honorable Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice,
Federal Ministry of Justice
Shehu Shagari Way,
Abuja.

Dear Sir,

**RE: INTRODUCTION TO BUDESHI - A PLATFORM THAT LINKS
BUDGET AND PROCUREMENT DATA / REQUEST FOR MEETING**

Our previous letter dated 16/03/2016 on subject matter refers.

Further to our discussions and meetings recommending data standards for publishing procurement and budget data, we hereby write to update you on our activities thus far.

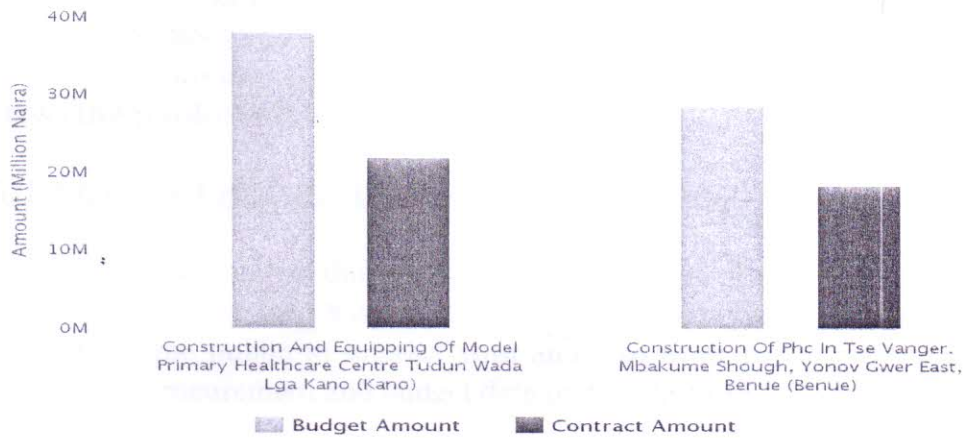
We are pleased to inform you that we have made significant progress on the budeshi platform development (www.budeshi.org) Specifically, we have deployed a dedicated visualization tool with the ability to geotagg projects.

The specifications for this tool were developed based on the need for data interactivity, user engagement and easy deployability (requiring little or no sign-in, downloading etc by users).

We have included data sets from Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) and the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA). Currently, users on the site can visualize budgeted amounts, contract amounts and names of contractors. Indeed, any of the visuals for selected datasets can be downloaded for example: Fig 1 shows: Comparison of budgeted and contracted Amounts between 2 projects. Construction and equipping of Model Primary Healthcare Centre Tundun Wada LGA Kano and Construction of Primary Healthcare Centre in Tse Vanger, Mbakume Shough, Yonov Gwer East, Benue.

Comparison of Budgeted and Contracted Amounts

Source: Budeshi.org



The visuals are incredibly helpful in enabling us clean up the data and in enabling us make the data more intelligible. For example, our data on primary health care Centres would now include exact locations etc.

The geotagging functionality on the site also enables us add geographical location to contract sites in order to display them on a map. This feature will further enable the validation, monitoring and evaluation of actual progress on the ground. Ultimately, we believe this would enhance every user's interactivity with available data and enable Nigeria reduce the risk of corruption and inefficiencies in procurement process.

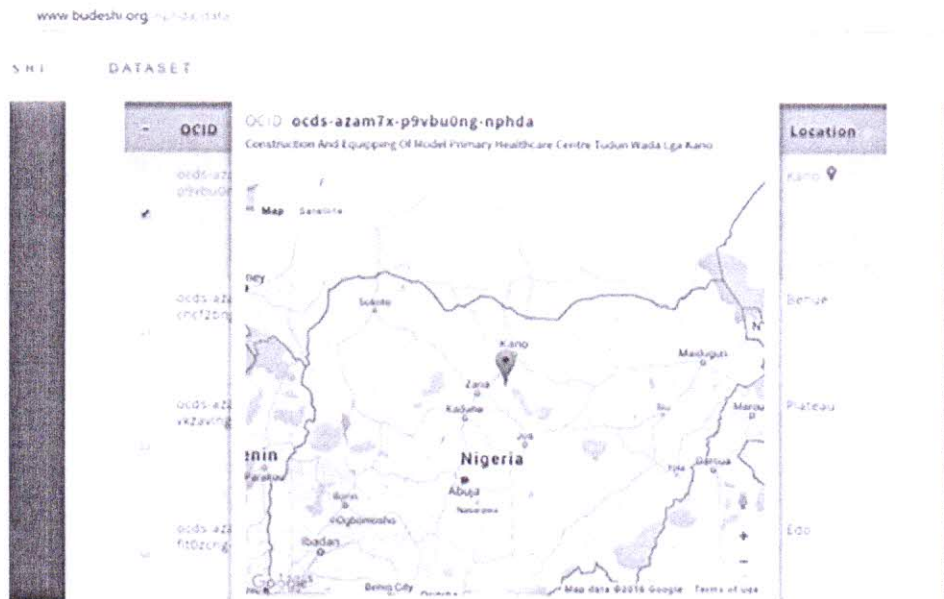


Fig 2 Shows the location of "Construction and Equipping of Model Primary Healthcare Centre, Tundun, Wada, Kano.

Please interact with the platform and we welcome your suggestions and recommendations to further development of this platform and **we count on your support in having the OCDS, which Budeshi, demonstrates adopted across the public service in Nigeria.**

THE BUDESHI PROJECT (WWW.BUDESHI.ORG)

A dedicated web platform that seeks to link budget and procurement data to various public services using the Open Contracting Data Standards (OCDS). Budeshi is also accessible to the public to interact with and also to make their own comparisons based on the procurement and budget data on the platform.

The Budeshi platform is primarily being used to demonstrate to public institutions the utility of linking procurement and budget data using uniform data standards. This is with the intent of having the Open Contracting Data standards adopted by public institutions. Eventually budeshi seeks to ensure that public finance information is coherent and linkable to public services.

We would also appreciate the opportunity to have the Budeshi team come and showcase how the platform works at your earliest convenience.

For any clarification, kindly contact us on 07066618896 or via email: ppdc@procurementmonitor.org

Please accept our esteemed regards.

Yours Sincerely,



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