

REPORT OF MEETING FOR THE ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES FOR CONSOLIDATED BASIC EDUCATION BUDGET AND WORKPLANNING IN KOGI STATE.

Date: March 16, 2025

Venue: Kogi State Ministry of Education, Science and Technology

Time: 9:00am – 10:27am

Participants:

1. Honorable Commissioner, Ministry of Education
2. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education
3. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning
4. Executive Chairman, KSUBEB
5. Director of Planning, Research and Statistics (Ministry of Education)
6. Director of Planning, Research and Statistics (KSUBEB)
7. Director M&E,
8. Director of Planning (Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning)
9. HOPE-EDU Desk Officer, KSUBEB

Meeting Proceedings

Opening Remarks

The meeting commenced with the Commissioner welcoming all participants. He highlighted the critical role that basic education plays in promoting inclusive development in Kogi State. Emphasising its significance, the Commissioner underscored that a strong foundation in basic education is essential for the state's overall progress. To initiate the core agenda, he directed the Director of Planning, Research and Statistics from the Ministry of Education to present an overview of the guidelines prepared for discussion.

Discussion on Guidelines for Basic Education Budget Preparation

The Director of Planning, Research and Statistics, Ministry of Education presented the Guidelines for Consolidated Basic Education Budget Preparation and Work Planning. The

presentation was followed by a focused discussion, during which several key points were raised, including:

- There is an urgent need for increased collaboration among all education-related Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) to ensure effective resource allocation and management. Such collaboration is vital to enhancing the quality of basic education in the state.
- The guidelines, as introduced, are intended to serve as a strategic framework. This framework is designed to help Kogi State comply with both national and global best practices, as well as align with the requirements of the new World Bank HOPE-EDU project.
- The discussion also stressed the importance of greater transparency, accountability, and efficiency in managing resources. These factors are considered essential for achieving the objectives of the Universal Basic Education program throughout Kogi State.

Acknowledgments

The Honourable Commissioner expressed gratitude for the contributions made by various stakeholders involved in developing the guidelines. He specifically acknowledged the support of the leadership and technical team of the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, and the Kogi State Universal Basic Education Board (KSUBEB).

Approval of Guidelines

Following the discussion, all attendees unanimously agreed to adopt, disseminate, and implement the guidelines presented. The meeting recognized the guidelines' potential to significantly improve the planning, budgeting, and execution of basic educational programs across Kogi State.

Next Steps

- Copies of the guidelines will be distributed to all MDAs and other stakeholders responsible for delivering basic education services within the state.
- All relevant stakeholders should be encouraged to utilize the approved guidelines as a reference for effective basic education' work planning and budgeting.

- If necessary, the Ministry of Education will organize training sessions to ensure that all stakeholders involved in basic education planning and budgeting are familiar with the new guidelines.

Closing Remarks

To conclude the meeting, the Commissioner reiterated the Kogi State Government's commitment to advancing universal basic education and ensuring that inclusive learning opportunities are accessible to all children in the state.

1. Minutes Prepared by:

HOPE-EDU Desk Officer, KSUBEB

2. Approval & Signature



Wemi Jones

Honorable Commissioner
Kogi State Ministry of Education, Science and Technology