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# FG, states to spend 53% of N17.5tr budgets on salaries

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More than half of the N17.5 trillion total budgets of federal and state governments will be spent on salaries and overheads

this year, according to *Daily Trust* investigations.

Analysis of the budgets revealed that of the N17.5 trillion, N9.35 trillion will go for recurrent expenses, leaving only N8.17trillion for power, roads, rail

and other development projects.

This year's figures are higher than last year's with about N4 trillion. In 2017, states and federal budgets were N13.5 trillion, with N5.9 trillion (41 percent) voted for salaries and

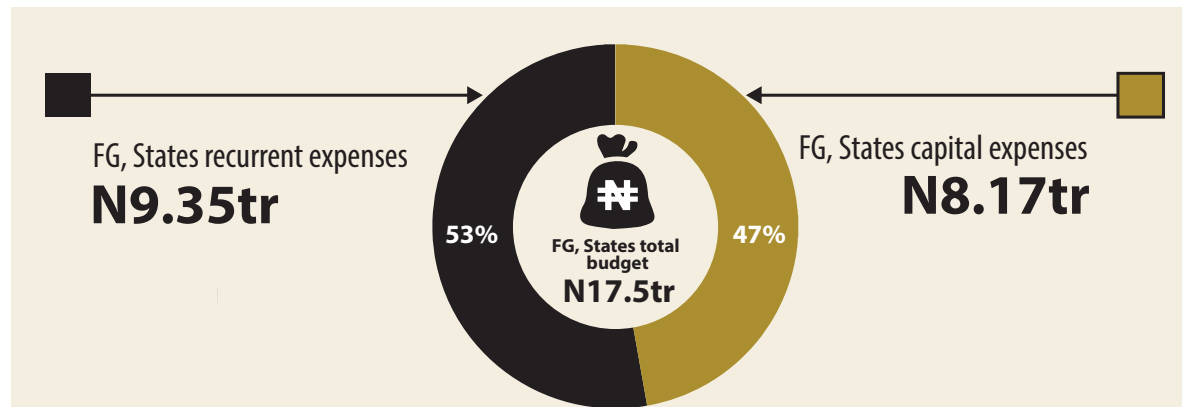
the remaining N7.6 trillion for development projects.

The two tiers voted N12.5 trillion in 2016 with N5.3 trillion going for

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FG, States recurrent expenses are higher than 2017 by about N4tr

Despite these huge annual recurrent expenditure, many states are unable to settle workers' salaries



All the states, minus Kebbi have a total budget of **N8.95tr**. **N5.52tr** was for capital and **N3.39tr** for recurrent expenses

FG and States maintain burgeoning recurrent expenses despite the economic recession and low votes for development projects

**19 northern states (minus Kebbi) total budget N2.85tr**

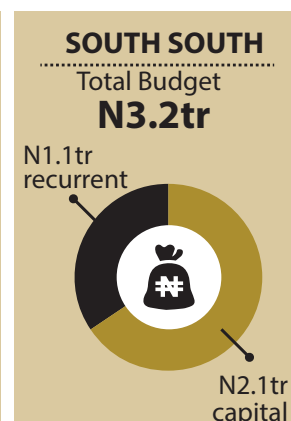
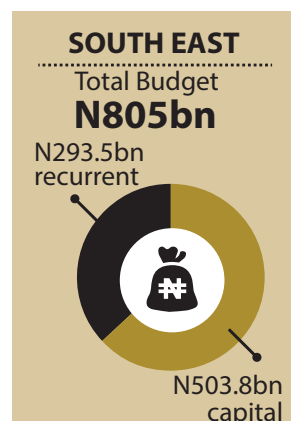
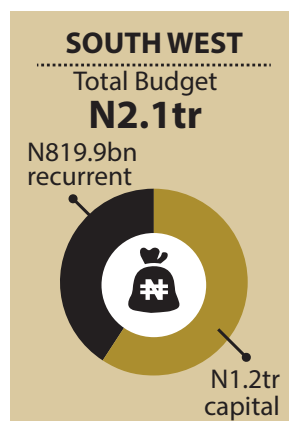
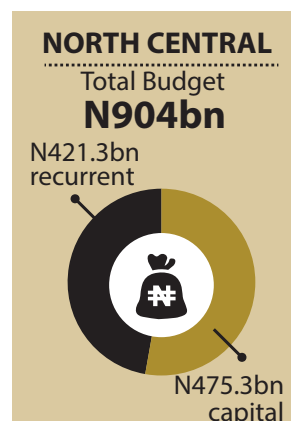
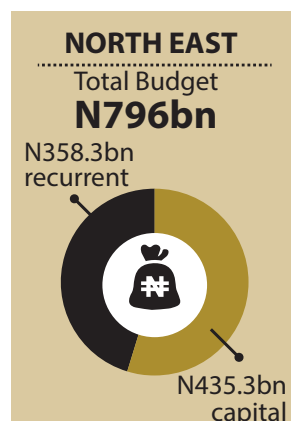
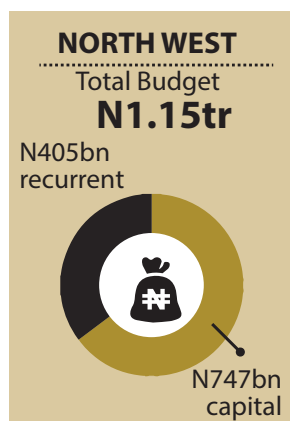
N1.18tr recurrent

N1.65tr capital

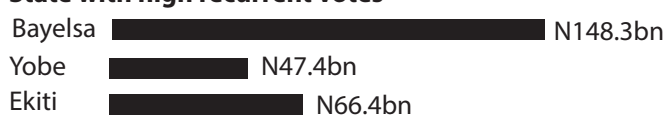
**17 southern states total budget N6.12tr**

N2.21tr recurrent

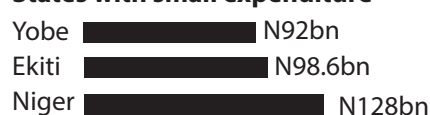
N3.86tr capital



State with high recurrent votes



States with small expenditure



States with big expenditure



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