



**Human &
Environmental
DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**

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**Office of The Head of The Civil Service of The Federation
Federal Secretariat Complex (Phase II)
Shehu Shagari Way
FCT
Abuja**



Dear Sir,

**REQUEST PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 2011 FOR
VERIFICATION OF THE ALLEGED 2.9 TRILLION NAIRA RECOVERED BY FORMER
CHAIRMAN, PENSION REFORMS TASK TEAM (PRTT)**

The above subject matter refers.

Human and Environmental Development Agenda (HEDA Resource Centre), a non-governmental organization and non-partisan human rights and development league that has the mandate to protect and promote universally recognized human rights, accountability and environmental justice in Nigeria and Africa, in accordance with international standards.

We write this demand based on the report published by International Centre for Investigative Reporting titled, "Dismissed Pension Boss, Maina resurfaces with more allegations against Buhari's officials." According to the report, Former Chairman of the Pension Reforms Task Team (PRTT), Abdulrasheed Maina, while maintaining his innocence in the charges brought against him by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) made several corruption allegations against top serving officials of the President Muhammadu Buhari administration.

It was reported that since October 2017, the former pension Reforms Task Team boss had granted several television and radio interviews from his hiding place, detailing how he helped the federal government recover trillions of Naira stolen by top public officials and urging President Muhammadu Buhari to grant him audience to prove his innocence.

It was also stated in the report under reference that Mr. Maina said that he is willing to disclose to President Muhammadu Buhari all the clandestine accounts being operated by his ministers and top government officials.

According to the report, he stated as follows:

"President Buhari, I want you to open your eyes and ears, there is a lot of money in your government. All your ministers, I can give you the accounts of what they have operated, who is doing what, and where the monies have gone to. I can show you on the system.

*"NFIU (National Financial Intelligence Unit) I challenge you to do your work. Give the chairman of EFCC the correct information let him give it to the President. The monies are there, they are in those accounts, he said. Let me tell you what they do. Sometimes they move them offshore. The accounts are there, they have been opened s many years ago. You know what they do, they call it accounting engineering. If at the end of the year, let's say N200 billion is remaining in this ministry, the ministry, in collaboration with the office of the Accountant General of the Federation and return N20 billion and N198 billion is there. In this N198 billion, somebody will retire, and the new Permanent Secretary will not even know. So, he (the retired official) will now sit down with the banks and do investments with the banks and for so many years, until he dies, nobody will know, and the banks will keep quiet. Such accounts exist in Nigeria, so many of them, and I have these accounts, I know them (but) nobody wants to give me the opportunity. **I only touched two pension offices out of 98 pension outfits, and I brought (in) N2.9 trillion, only two pension offices.** In the first week, I can recover N1 trillion for him. In the second month, I can recover N2 trillion for him, in the third month, I can recover another N1 trillion for him, but I have to have 100 per cent full protection from the President and I must not report to any other authority except the President. Nigeria has a lot of money but the cabal is after my life. If they invite me to a meeting, they are not inviting me to talk to me, they are inviting me to kill me. I have people in these spy organisations who would tell me 'look, you will be injected, we have already been advised to do such a thing'. They only want to get me out of this world, but if I go and allow myself to be killed, how will I impact on the lives of Nigerians?"*

In the report under reference, it was pointed that the Mr. Maina stated that while he was the boss of Pension Reforms Task Team (PRTT), he recovered N2.9 trillion. This request is to demand the verification or otherwise, as the supervisory office for the PRTT, of the alleged recovered sum and the account in which this recovery is domiciled.

This request is founded on the need to strengthening the course of accountability and transparency and this is brought in accordance to Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2011.

We look forward to your utmost cooperation and the prompt response to this requested information and in any event, according to Section 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2011, within seven (7) days of the receipt of this application as provided for under the Freedom of Information Act.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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Legal Officer

