

# STATE BUSINESS-ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLANS (BERAP)



## EBONYI STATE FY 2024

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S/N	Business Enabling Reform Areas	Reform Objectives	Action Steps	Description and Key Targets	Beneficiaries	Responsible MDA	Contributing MDAs	Budget		Planned Start Date	Planned End Date				
1	Improved investment promotion environment	1. Promotion of business activities that are environment-friendly, capable of creating employment, improving revenue generation and providing social services to the people of the State	Step 1: Collect, Collate and report statistics on the implementation of the reforms and other Economic Indicators	Increasing the number of investors carrying out environment-friendly, job creating, revenue generating, and energy saving businesses in the State up to 2000.	Ebonyi State Government, SMEs and other Investors	Step 1: Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency	Step 1: Ministry of Budget, Planning, Research and Monitoring, Ministry of Trade and Investment	16,000,000	<b>25,000,000</b>	Step 1: 8/01/2024	Step 1: 31/12/2024				
			Step 2: Hosting of weekly expository Media Talk Show on business-related issues at Ebonyi State Broadcasting Corporation (EBBC)					Ebonyi State Government, SMEs, other Investors, CSOs and the general public		Step 2: Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency	Step 2: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	3,000,000	Step 1: 8/01/2024	Step 1: 31/12/2024	
			Step 3: Hosting of monthly MSME Stakeholders forum to review the issues relating to the business in the State					Line MDAs, CSOs, Commercial Banks, EBCCIMA, SALTICIMA, FMDAs, EBEC and MSMEs		Step 3: Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency	Step 3: Ministry of Trade and Investment, Ministry of Commerce and Industry	6,000,000	Step 1: 8/01/2024	Step 1: 31/12/2024	
	2. Digitization of the Cooperative Societies Registration Processes in the State.	Step 1: Establishment of a divisional cooperative office in each of the 13 LGAs	Automated Process of Registering Cooperative Societies in the State	Ebonyi State Government, 13 LGAs, Cooperatives Societies and MSMEs	Ebonyi State Government, 13 LGAs, Cooperatives Societies and MSMEs	Step 1: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 1: Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Ministry of Trade and Investment, State Internal Revenue Service and Ministry of ICT	26,000,000	<b>54,000,000</b>	Step 1: 10/1/2024	Step 1: 17/4/2024				
		Step 2 : Integration of digital procedures for revalidation of cooperatives societies								Ebonyi State Government and Cooperatives Societies	Step 2: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 2: State Internal Revenue Service and Ministry of ICT	5,000,000	Step 2: 10/1/2024	Step 2: 17/2/2024
		Step 3: Training/Education of cooperatives societies								Ebonyi State Government and Cooperatives Societies	Step 3: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 3: N/A	12,000,000	Step 3: 10/1/2024	Step 3: 18/12/2024
		Step 4: Monitoring and supervision of cooperatives								Line MDAs and Cooperative Societies	Step 4: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 4: N/A	5,000,000	Step 4: 10/1/2024	Step 4: 18/12/2024

	Step 5: Collation and evaluation of data on performances of cooperative societies		Ebonyi State Government and Cooperatives Societies	Step 5: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 5: Ministry of Budget, Planning and Research	6,000,000		Step 4: 10/1/2024	Step 4: 18/12/2024
3. Promotion of rural agency banking to enhance Financial Inclusion and Job creation.	Step 1: Collate data on the implementation of the rural agency banking	Increase the number of rural dwellers with financial access up to 800,000 and jobs created up to 10,000.	Ebonyi State Government, Participating Banks and the General Public	All Steps : Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency	Step 1: N/A	8,000,000	<b>8,000,000</b>	Step 4: 12/01/2024	Step 4: 17/12/2024
4. Creation of One-Stop-Shop (OSS) to facilitate access to the services of government regulatory agencies.	step 1: Establishment of One-Stop-Shop (OSS) and getting the relevant regulatory agencies (Federal & State) to post a desk officer to the One-Stop-Shop (OSS)	Ensuring that up to 1000 investors and 2,000 members of the general public have enhanced access to service delivery from State and Federal Regulatory Agencies	Ebonyi State Government, relevant FMDAs, MSMEs and the general public	All Steps : Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency	Step 1: Relevant State and Federal regulatory agencies, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development	50,000,000	<b>66,000,000</b>	Step 1: 10/1/2024	Step 1: 24/1/2024
	Step 2: Integration of the One-Stop-Shop (OSS) portals of the relevant regulatory agencies into Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency (EBSMEDA) Portal for information sharing.		Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency (EBSMEDA), Relevant FMDAs/ State MDAs, MSMEs and General Public		Step 2: Ministry of ICT	10,000,000		Step 2: 10/1/2024	Step 2: 28/2/2024
	step 3: Conduct quarterly sensitization across the 13 Local Government Areas of the State on the existence of the services available at the OSS		Relevant Federal/ State MDAs, MSMEs and the general Public		Step 3: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	3,000,000		Step 3: 4/3/2024	Step 3: 29/3/2024

			step 4: Collate data on the number of firms who have registered their businesses with Corporate Affairs commission, had thier products certified by NAFDAC and SON, obtained Tax Identification Number from the FIRS, through the established One Stop-shop and also collecte data on tax payment made through the State Internal revenue service.		Relevant Federal/ State MDAs		Step 4: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development(Dept of PRS)	3,000,000		Step 4: 10/1/2024	Step 4: 15/10/2024
2	Increased Transparency of Official Fees and Procedures	To restore confidence, enhance efficiency, create awareness and seamless accessibilities/procedures for taxpayers	Step 1: Continous daily online and monthly offline awareness creation on existing tax payment platforms	Increased number of tax payers and investors in the State by 15,000 and 1,000, respectively .	Ebonyi State Government and Tax Payers	Step 1: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 1: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	6,000,000	<b>3,000,000</b>	Step 4: 1/5/2023	Step 4: 3/10/2024
3	Increased Transparency of Fees and Levies for Inter-State Trade Exporter Certification	To encourage Inter-State Trade, vis- a-vis Promote Export of Goods.	Step 1: Utilization of Communication platforms (formal & informal) for dialogue with tax payers.	Increased volume and value of inter-state trade	Ebonyi State Government and Tax Payers	Step 1: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 1: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ministry of Commerce and industry, EBSMEDA, Ministry of trade and investment	2,000,000	<b>12,000,000</b>	Step 1: 10/1/2024	Step 1: 22/12/2024
			Step 2: Continuation of sensitization of harmonised and simplified fees and levies for inter-State trade.		Ebonyi State Government and Tax Payers	Step 2: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 2: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	5,000,000		Step 1: 10/1/2024	Step 1: 22/12/2024
			Step 3: Monitoring of revenue agents and tax payers for compliance with approved revenue fees/levies.		Ebonyi State Government and Tax Payers	Step 3: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 3: Ministry of Trade and Investment, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, EBSMEDA, Ministry of Internal Security.	5,000,000		Step 1: 10/1/2024	Step 1: 22/12/2024
			Step 1: Deployment of Enterprise geographical information system (E-GIS)		Ebonyi State Government, Land Owners, Investors and the General Public	Step 1: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Step 1: Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology	100,000,000	<b>155,100,000</b>	Step 1: 10/1/2024	Step 1: 11/3/2024

Improved Efficiency in Property Registration and Sustainability of the Land-based Investment Process	Reduction on the time taken to apply and obtain Certificate of Occupancy and other registrable Land Instruments.	Step 2: Setting up of a Land Information Management System (LIMS)	Increased number of Certificate of Occupancy (from 150 to 500) and other land instruments registered (from 200 to 600) and issued out within 90 days in the State	Ebonyi State Government, Land Owners, Investors and the General Public	Step 2: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Step 2: Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology	22,000,000	14,000,000	Step 2: 10/1/2024	Step 2: 11/3/2024
		Step 3: Deployment of online search and electronic payment system		Ebonyi State Government, Land Owners, Investors and the General Public	Step 3: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Steps 3: Ebonyi State Board of Internal Revenue Service.	16,000,000		Step 3: 12/3/2024	Step 3: 5/4/2024
		Step 4: Digitization of survey plan to create a database of land coordinates and support geographical plotting of surveys		Ebonyi State Government, Land Owners, Investors and the General Public	Step 4: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Step 4: Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology	7,100,000		Step 4: 8/4/2024	Step 4: 8/7/2024
		Step 5: Integration of duplicate land allocation detection system to forestall multiple re-allocation of the same plot		Ebonyi State Government, Land Owners, Investors and the General Public	Step 5: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Step 5: Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology	5,000,000		Step 5: 8/4/2024	Step 5: 8/5/2024
		Step 6: Staff training		Ebonyi State Government and Staff	Step 6: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Step 6: Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology	3,000,000		Step 6: 10/1/2024	Step 6: 20/12/2024
		Step 7: Public awareness creation		Ebonyi State Government, Land Owners, Investors and the General Public	Step 7: Ministry of Lands and Survey	Step 7: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	2,000,000		Step 7: 10/1/2024	Step 7: 20/12/2024
		Reduction on the time for obtaining building Permit by implementing joint inspection		Step 1: Continuous sensitization and education of developers on new and quicker processes of obtaining Building permit.	Increased number of Building Permits issued out within 72 hours in the State after joint inspection	Ebonyi State Government, Land developers, Land Speculators/Investors and the General Public	Step 1: Abakaliki Capital Territory Development Board		Step 1: Ministry of Information and State Orientation, Ministry of Internal Security, Ministry of Environment.	6,000,000
	Step 2: Digitization of payment system for building permit.		Ebonyi State Government, Estate developers, Investors and the General Public	Step 2: Abakaliki Capital Territory Development Board		Step 2: Ministry of ICT, Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Services	5,000,000	Step 2: 6/2/2024	Step 2: 13/3/2024	
	Step 3: Developing a legal framework to encourage quicker cooperation of developers with the building permit processes.		Ebonyi State Government, Estate developers, Investors and the General Public	Step 3: Abakaliki Capital Territory Development Board		Step 3: Ministry of Justice	3,000,000	Step 3: 14/2/2024	Step 3: 17/7/2024	

			Step 4: Reduction in the bureaucracy involved in processing building permit.		Ebonyi State Government, Estate developers, Investors and the General Public	Step 4: Abakaliki Capital Territory Development Board	Step 4: N/A	0		Step 4: 10/1/2024	Step 4 : 20/12/2024
5	Quick determination of Commercial disputes	An enabled legal process where every participant satisfaction will be guaranteed, either by the existing laws or through ventilation in the Revenue Appeal Commission of the State or Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).	Step 1: Creation of multi-door Courtroom	Accelerated Justice Delivery Time to 96 hours(4 days) and reduction in cases by 80%	Ebonyi State Government, Litigants and the general public	Ministry of Justice	Step 1: Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development	5,000,000	<b>53,000,000</b>	9/1/2024	28/3/2024
			Step 2: Continuous sensitization/enlightment on ADR and Multi-door Courtroom processes.		Ebonyi State Government, Litigants and the general public		Step 2: Ministry of Information and State Orientation, Revenue Appeal Commission and Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development.	3,000,000		10/1/2024	18/12/2024
			Step 3: Creation of desk offices for ADR/ Mediation Centres in all the 13 LGAs.		Ebonyi State Government, 13 LGAs, Litigants and the general public		Step 3: Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Matters	26,000,000		8/1/2024	25/3/2024
			Step 4: Training of ADR/ Mediation Officers and other staff of the centres in all the 13 LGAs.		Ebonyi State Government, Mediation Officers, Mediation Center Staff		Step 4: Ministry of Human Capital Development and Monitoring	4,000,000		10/4/2024	30/4/2024
			Step 5: Automation of ADR/mediation centres		Ebonyi State Government, Mediation Centres and Litigants		Ministry of ICT	15,000,000		4/3/2024	1/4/2024
6	Simplified State and Local Business Tax Regimes	To adequately distinguish between State Business tax regimes from the Local Business tax regimes to avoid conflicts	Step 1: Review and Amendment of Tax Law	Reduction in tax conflicts by 40% through harmonized State and Local Government taxes	Ebonyi State Government and Tax Payers	1.) Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	1.)Ministry of Justice, Ebonyi State House of Assembly	10,000,000	<b>27,000,000</b>	10/1/2024	26/04/2024
			Step 2: Improve on administration of both local and State Tax Laws		Ebonyi State Government, 13 LGA and Tax Payers		2.) Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Market Development, Ministry of Trade and Investment	7,000,000		10/1/2024	18/12/2024

			Step 3: Continuation of Tax education on weekly basis across the 13 Local Government Areas of Ebonyi State.		Ebonyi State Government, Tax Payers and the general public	3.) Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	3.) Ministry of Information and State Orientation	6,000,000		10/1/2024	18/12/2024
			Step 4: Creation of Tax Education/Enlightenment Unit to carry out weekly tax education across the 13 Local Government Areas of Ebonyi State		Ebonyi State Government, Tax Payers and the general public	4.) Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	4.) Ministry of Information and State Orientation	2,000,000		1/2/2024	28/2/2024
			Step 5: Setting up of Public Compliers Unit		Ebonyi State Government, Tax Payers and the general public	5.) Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	5.) Ministry of Justice	2,000,000		1/2/2024	28/2/2024
7	Development of an effective PPP Framework	To ensure private sector participation in the growth and development of the State Economy	Step 1: Awareness creation of the provisions in the PPP law of the State	Increased private sector participation in economic activities in the State by 50%	Ebonyi State Government, MSMEs/ Investors	Step 1: Ministry of Trade and Investment	Step 1: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	2,000,000	<b>6,000,000</b>	5th January, 2024	23rd December, 2024
			Step 2: Engagement of the organized private sector on identified investment opportunities in the State.		Ebonyi State Government, MSMEs/ Investors	Step 2: Ministry of Trade and Investment	Step 2: Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Trade and Investment	3,000,000			
			Step 3: Publication of the PPP law on the State's official website		Ebonyi State Government, MSMEs/ Investors and the general public	Step 3: Ministry of Trade and Investment	Step 3: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	0			
			Step 4: Advocacy visits to the community leaders and security agencies on cordial relationship with Investors in their domain.		Ebonyi State Government, MSMEs/ Investors, Host Communities and the general public	Step 4: Ministry of trade and Investment	Step 4: Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Organized Private sector, Ministry of Information and State Orientation	1,000,000			
8	Improved regulatory framework for private investment in fibre optic infrastructure	To avoid unauthorized investment, protect the lives and properties of the citizens, develop a regulated database and improve quality of communication in the State	Step 1: Develop a legal framework that will protect the state from unauthorized investment and protect private investment from vandalization	A regulated framework for investment in fibre optic infrastructure that supports and sustains fibre optic infrastructure in the State.	Ebonyi State Government, CSOs and Investors	Step 1: Ministry of Justice	Step 1: Ebonyi State House of Assembly, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Works and Transport, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Commerce & Industry	12,000,000	<b>72,000,000</b>	10/1/2024	26/4/2024

		Step 2: Citizenship Engagement (Townhall meetings, Advocacy visits, sensitizations, etc.)	Ebonyi State Government, CSOs, Investors and the general public	Step 2: Ministry of Power	Step 2: Ministry of Information and State Orientation, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of works and transport	5,000,000		10/1/2024	19/12/2024
		Step 3: Digital monitoring of fibre optic infrastructure	Ebonyi State Government, Investors and the general public	Step 3: Ministry of Power	Step 3: Ministry of Internal Security, Ministry of ICT	10,000,000		10/1/2024	19/12/2024
		Step 4: Physical Surveillance against vandalism	Ebonyi State Government, Investors and the general public	Step 4: Ministry of Power	Step 4: Ministry of Internal Security	40,000,000		10/1/2024	19/12/2024
		Step 5: Data collection and collation on private investments on fibre optics infrastructure	Ebonyi State Government and Investors	Step 5: Ministry of Power	Step 5: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (Department of Planning, Research and Statistics)	5,000,000		10/1/2024	19/12/2024
						<b>498,100,000</b>	<b>498,100,000</b>		

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