

**EBONYI STATE BUSINESS ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN (BERAP) 2023 PROGRESS REPORT**

S / N	Business Enabling Reform Areas	Reform Objectives	Action Steps	Description and Key Targets	Responsible MDA	Contributing MDAs	Budget	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date	Status Report	Impact/Implications	Description of Status	Next Steps	
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: Collection and collation of data on existing businesses in the State	Increased number of investors carrying out environment-friendly, job creating, revenue generating, and energy saving businesses in the State.	Step 1: Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency	Step 1: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development(Department of Planning, Research and Statistics), Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Ministry of Trade and Investment.	5,000,000	Step 1: 5/1/2023	Step 1: 31/3/2023	Done	Impact/Implication: Improved investment promotion will ensure an enabling friendly business environment capable of creating employment, improving revenue generation and providing social services to the people of Ebonyi State	<b>Achievement:</b> 1. Collected Data of existing businesses in the State (Nano, Micro and Small businesses) 2. Engaged business owners in all the LGAs and identified thier operational challenges in the form of poor access to finances, multiple taxation, and inhiitive investment policies. 3. Creation of Enabling Business Environment for invesment through the provision good infrastructure, International Airport, Good road networks, Financial empowerment of MSMEs in the State through Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency, friendly investment policies.  2. Creation of Employments  3. Improved internal revenue Genration 4. Provision of Social Sevices	1. Hosting of Investment summit to attract both national and international investors  2. Continuous Collection, Collation and reporting of statistics on the implementation of the reforms and other Economic Indicators	
			Step 2: Engage business owners in all the LGAs to identify their operational challenges		Step 2: Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency		Step 2: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	3,600,000	Step 2: 9/3/2023	Step 2: 15/6/2023				Done
			Step 3: Sensitization of existing businesses on both Local and National Business regulations		Step 3: Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency		Step 3: Ministry of Information and State Orientation, Organized Private Sector (EBCCIMA and Neighbourhood Watch)	2,600,000	Step 3: 16/1/2023	Step 3: 30/1/2023				Done
			Step 4: Advocacy/sensitization on the extension of the scope of tax incentives for MSMEs		Step 4: Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency		Step 4: Ministry of Information and State Orientation, EBSIRS and Organized Private Sector	1,650,000	Step 4: 2/2/2023	Step 4: 4/2/2023				Done
			Step 5: Sensitization/Advocacy to attract potential investors both Local and International		Step 5: Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency			4,700,000	Step 5: 3/2/2023	Step 5: 17/2/2023				Done
							<b>52,450,000</b>							

Step 6: Creation of awareness on existing opportunities in the industrial clusters in the State		Step 6: Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency	Step 6: Ministry of Information and State Orientation and Ministry of Commerce & Industry			Step 6: 3/2/2023	Step 6: 17/2/2023	Done			
Step 7: Establishment of Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency to drive MSME development and growth.		Step 7: Governor's Office	Step 7: Ministry of Justice	20,000,000		Step 7: 5/1/2023	Step 7: 1/3/2023	Done			
Step 8: Creation of a Website to serve as information hub for businesses within and outside the State. <a href="http://www.ebonyistate.gov.ng">Www.ebonyistate.gov.ng</a>		Step 8: Ebonyi State Small and medium Enterprises Development Agency	Step 8: Ministry of ICT	6,000,000		Step 8: 16/1/2023	Step 8: 26/4/2023	Done			
Step 9: Collect, Collate and report statistics on the implementation of the reforms and other Economic Indicators		Step 9: Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency	Step 9: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (Department of Planning, Research and Statistics)	8,900,000		Step 9: 9/01/2023	Step 9: 15/12/2023	Done			
Step 1: Engage a consultant to understudy the current manual cooperative society registration procedures in the State		Step 1: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 1: Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency			Step 1: 5/1/2023	Step 1: 31/3/2023	Done		<b>Achievements:</b> There is automation in the Process of Registering Cooperative Societies in the State.	

2. Digitization of the Cooperative Societies Registration Processes in the State.	Step 2: Propose workable digitization processes	Automated Process of Registering Cooperative Societies in the State	Step 2: Ministry of Commerce and Industry (ICT Department)	Step 2: Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency	8,000,000	Step 2: 5/1/2023	Step 2: 31/3/2023	Done	16,200,000	Impact/Implication:  The Digitization of the Cooperative Society Registration Process will reduce the rigorous processes and time involved in the manual registration.	Engagement with the Consultant to resolve technical issues observed after digitization and continuation of renewal process
	Step 3: Engage relevant stakeholders to inform them on the digitization proposal		Step 3: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 3: Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources		Step 3: 6/2/2023	Step 3: 31/3/2023	Done			
	Step 4: Engage a consultant to develop the registration portal		Step 4: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 4: Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources		Step 4: 5/1/2023	Step 4: 31/3/2023	Done			
	Step 5: Create awareness on the new automated registration process		Step 5: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 5: Ministry of Information and State Orientation, Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Organized Private Sectors, NGOs, and CSOs		Step 5: 10/2/2023	27/3/2023	Done			
	Step 6: Collate data on the successes achieved through the new registration processes		Step 6: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 6: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (Planning, Research and Statistics Department)		Step 6: 10/1/2023	Step 6: 18/11/2023	Done			

3. Promotion of rural agency banking to enhance Financial Inclusion and Job creation.	Step 1: Engage commercial banks on the need for rural agency banking.	Increased number of rural dwellers with financial access and jobs created	All Steps : Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency	Step 1: Ministry of Market and Parks Development and Financial Institutions in the State	250,000	7,350,000	Step 1: 21/2/2023	Step1: 23/2/2023	Done	Impacts/Implication: The Promotion of rural agency banking will enhance Financial Inclusion and Job creation in the State.	Achievements: There is increased number of rural dwellers with access to financial services and more jobs have been created.	Not Applicable
	Step 2: Conduct Sensitization for LGA stakeholders to key into the Agency Banking as an employment opportunity for the youths			Step 2: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	2,600,000		Step 2: 1/3/2023	Step2: 17/4/2023	Done			
	Step 3: Training and deployment of the youth on agency banking by commercial banks.			Step 3: Financial Institutions (Zenith Bank, First Bank of Nigeria, Access bank) Local Government Chairmen	1,500,000		Step 3: 20/3/2023	Step3: 22/4/2023	Done			
	Step 4: Collate data on the implementation of the rural agency banking			Step 4: N/A	3,000,000		Step 4: 10/01/2023	Step 4: 12/12/2023	Done			
Step1: Identify potential regulatory agencies of State and Federal Governments.	Step 2: Provide a work space to house the regulatory agencies of the State and Federal Governments to serve as the OSS.	Enhanced access to service delivery from State and Federal Regulatory Agencies for investors and the general public.		1. Ministry of Trade and Investment, Ministry of justice	10,000,000	12,600,000	Step 1: 3/4/2023	Step 1: 28/5/2023	Done	Impact/Implication: The Creation of One-Stop-Shop (OSS) will facilitate access to the services of government regulatory agencies to MSMEs in the State.	Achievements: There is enhanced access to service delivery from State and Federal Regulatory Agencies for investors and the general public.	Not Applicable
				2. Ministry of Trade and Investment, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development			Step 2: 3/4/2023	Step 2: 28/5/2023	Done			

		4. Creation of One-Stop-Shop (OSS) to facilitate access to the services of government regulatory agencies.	<p>Step3: Engage the relevant State and Federal stakeholders to secure their buy-in to the OSS programme.</p> <p>step 4: Implement the OSS by getting the relevant regulatory agencies to post a desk officer to the OSS</p> <p>step 5: Conduct sensitization across the State on the existence of the services available at the OSS</p> <p>step 6: Collate data on the implementation of the OSS</p>		All Steps : Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency	<p>3. Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Information and State Orientation, EBBCIMA</p> <p>4. Relevant State and Federal regulatory agencies, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development</p> <p>5. Ministry of Information and State Orientation</p> <p>6. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development(Dept of PRS)</p>	<p>2,600,000</p> <p>0</p>		<p>Step 3: 3/4/2023</p> <p>Step 4: 3/4/2023</p> <p>Step 5: 4/4/2023</p> <p>Step 6: 10/1/2023</p>	<p>Step 3: 28/5/2023</p> <p>Step 4: 28/5/2023</p> <p>Step 5: 20/42023</p> <p>Step 6: 15/11/2023</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p>		<p>Not Applicable</p> <p>Implementing the OSS by getting the relevant regulatory agencies to post a desk officer to the OSS</p> <p>Not Applicable</p> <p>Collation of data on the implementation of the OSS</p>
Increased Transparency of Official Fees and Procedures	To restore confidence, enhance efficiency, create awareness and seamless accessibilities/procedures for taxpayers	<p>Step 1: Citizens engagement ( to Send invites to civil society organisations, market organisations, chamber of commerce, Faith based organizations, Traditional Institutions and Community leaders)</p> <p>Step 2: Publication of official fees on both the service and state websites and other social media platforms.</p>	Increased number of tax payers and investors in the State.	<p>Step 1: Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency</p> <p>Step 2: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service</p>	<p>Step 1: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service</p> <p>Steps 2: Ebonyi State Ministry of Finance and Economic Development</p>	<p>2,000,000</p> <p>5,000,000</p>		<p>Step 1: 1/10/2023</p> <p>Step 2: 9/1/2023</p>	<p>Step 1: 3/10/2023</p> <p>Step 2: 3/3/2023</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Done</p>	<p><b>Impact/Implication:</b></p> <p>Increased Transparency of Official Fees and Procedures will restore confidence, enhance efficiency, create awareness and seamless accessibilities/procedures for taxpayers</p>	<p><b>Achievements:</b></p> <p>1. Increase in voluntary compliance in tax and revenue payments.</p> <p>2. Restoration of citizens confidence in tax administration.</p> <p>3. Increased transparency in tax administration</p> <p>4. Increased efficiency in tax administration</p>	

2			Step 3: Broadcast advertisement (TV and Radio) and sharing of flyers		Step 3: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 3: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	3,000,000	<b>15,600,000</b>	Step 3: 1/5/2023	Step 3: 3/10/2023	Done			Not Applicable
			Step 4: Letter of notification for Advocacy visit		Step 4: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 4: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	2,600,000		Step 4: 1/5/2023	Step 4: 3/10/2023	Done			
			Step 5: Establishment of feedback mechanism through platforms like emails, whatsapp pages, and desk offices		Step 5: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 5: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	3,000,000		Step 5: 1/5/2023	Step 5: 3/10/2023	Done			
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: Publication of schedule of fees and levies on the service and state websites and other platforms	Increased volume and value of inter-state trade	Step 1: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 1: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	2,000,000	<b>6,000,000</b>	Step 1: 1/5/2023	Step 1: 3/10/2023	Done	<b>Impact/Implication:</b> Increased Transparency of Fees and Levies for Inter-State Trade Exporter Certification will encourage Inter-State Trade, vis- a- vis Promote Export of Goods.	<b>Achievements:</b> Increased volume and value of inter-state trade.	Not Applicable
			Step 2: Organize a town hall meeting with stakeholders		Step 2: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 2: Ministry of Works & Transport	500,000		Step 2: 1/5/2023	Step 2: 2/10/2023	Done			
			Step 3: Sensitization of the public on harmonized fees payable		Step 3: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 3: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	500,000		Step 3: 1/5/2023	Step 3: 2/10/2023	Done			
			Step 4: Establishment of feedback mechanism through platforms like emails, whatsapp pages, and desk offices		Step 4: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 4: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	3,000,000		Step 4: 1/5/2023	Step 4: 3/10/2023	Done			

4	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.	Step1. Development of a functional website for Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Increased number of Certificate of Occupancy and other land instruments registered and issued out within 90 days in the State	Step 1: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Steps 1: Ebonyi State Board of Internal Revenue Service.	6,300,000	13,800,000	10/01/2023	17/04/2023	Done:	<b>Impact/Implication:</b> Improved Efficiency in Property Registration and Sustainability of the Land-based Investment Process will lead to reduction in the time taken to apply and obtain Certificate of Occupancy and other registrable Land Instruments.	Not Applicable	
			Step 2. Integration of the existing process of Registration and Issuance of Certificate of Occupancy and other Land documents to the website		Step 2: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Steps 2: Ebonyi State Board of Internal Revenue Service.	4,800,000				Done		Completion of the Integration of the existing process of Registration and Issuance of Certificate of Occupancy and other Land documents to the website	
			Step 3: Staff training		Step 3: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Step 3: N/A	700,000				Done		Not Applicable	
			Step 4: Public awareness creation		Step 4: Ministry of Lands and Survey	Step 4: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	2,000,000				Done		Not Applicable	
			Step 1: Identify relevant ministries, departments, agencies involved in the inspection process		Increased number of Building Permits issued out within 72 hours in the State after joint inspection	Step 1: Abakaliki Capital Territory Development Board	Step 1: NA				0		<b>Achievements:</b> There is increased number of Building Permits issued out within 72 hours in the State after joint inspection	
	Step 2: Develop a schedule to jointly inspect a site and identify a lead agency	Step 2: Abakaliki Capital Territory Development Board	Step 2: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	0		<b>Impact/Implication:</b> Improved Efficiency in Property Registration and Sustainability of the Land-based Investment Process will lead to reduction on the time for								
	Reduction on the time for obtaining building Permit by implementing joint inspection													

			Step 3: Conduct sensitization to the general public		Step 3: Abakaliki Capital Territory Development Board	Step 3: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	3,000,000	0,000,000			Done	obtaining building Permit by implementing joint inspection		Not Applicable
			Step 4: Advocacy to relevant stakeholders within the sector		Step 4: Abakaliki Capital Territory Development Board	Step 4: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	3,000,000				Done			
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: Citizens engagement on sensitization of ADR	Accelerated Justice Delivery Time and reduction in disputes	Ministry of Justice	Step 1: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	2,000,000	4,500,000	9/1/2023	28/3/2023	Done	<b>impact/Implication:</b> Quick determination of Commercial disputes will bring about 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).	<b>Achievements:</b> There is speed in Justice Delivery Time and reduction in disputes	Not Applicable
		Step 2: Create awareness on opportunities opened to dissatisfied players through the State Revenue Commission/ADR	Step 2: Ministry of Information and State Orientation and Revenue Appeal Commission of Ebonyi State			2,000,000	1/3/2023		15/6/2023	Done				
		Step 3: Creating desk office charged with the legal issues on Ease of Doing Business in Ebonyi state.	Step 3: Ministry of Business Development			500,000	15/3/2023		1/5/2023	Done				
			Step 1: Publication of the distinguished tax regimes on the state websites		1.) Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	1.)Min of Finance and Economic Development,	0				Done	<b>Impact/Implication:</b> Simplified State and Local Business Tax Regimes will help		



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 2: Tax Education for tax payers (Advocacy visits, Townhall meetings, etc)	Reduced tax conflicts through harmonized State and Local Government taxes	2.) Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	2.) Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Market Development, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and Ministry of Information and State Orientation	5,000,000	7,000,000	10th Jan, 2023	28/02/2023	Done	to distinguish between State Business tax regimes from the Local Business tax regimes to avoid conflicts.	<b>Achievements:</b> There is reduced tax conflicts through harmonized State and Local Government taxes	Not Applicable
			Step 3: Broadcast Advertisement (Radio and TV Jingles)		3.) Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	3.) Ministry of Information and State Orientation and Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	2,000,000				Done			
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	Step 1: Ministry of Trade and Investment	Step 1: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	1,500,000	5,500,000	5th January, 2023	23rd December, 2023	Done	<b>Impact/Implication:</b> Development of an effective PPP Framework will ensure private sector participation in the growth and development of the State Economy	<b>Achievements:</b> There is increased private sector participation in economic activities in the State	Not Applicable
			Step 2: Engagement of the organized private sector on identified investment opportunities in the State.		Step 2: Ministry of Trade and Investment	Step 2: Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Trade and Investment	3,000,000				Done			
			Step 3: Publication of the PPP law on the State's official website		Step 3: Ministry of Trade and Investment	Step 3: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	0				Done			
			Step 4: Advocacy visits to the community leaders and security agencies on cordial relationship with Investors in their domain.		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				Done			

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 vandalism	Increased legitimate investment in fibre optic infrastructure in the State.	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	5,000,000	10,000,000	10th January, 2023	28th June, 2023	Done	<b>Impact/Implication:</b>  Improved regulatory framework for private investment in fibre optic infrastructure will prevent unauthorized investment, protect the lives and properties of the citizens, develop a regulated database and improve quality of communication in the State	<b>Achievements:</b>  There is increased legitimate investment in fibre optic infrastructure in the State.	Not Applicable
			Step 2: Citizenship Engagement (Townhall meetings, Advocacy visits, sensitizations, etc.)		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	2,000,000				Done			
			Step 3: Develop a template for data collection and collation on private investments		Step 3: Ministry of Power	Step 3: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (Department of Planning, Research and Statistics)	3,000,000				Done			
							<b>157,000,000</b>	<b>157,000,000</b>						

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