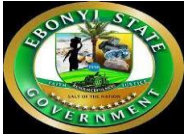


STATE BUSINESS-ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLANS (BERAP)



EBONYI STATE FY 2025

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EBONYI STATE BUSINESS ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN (BERAP) 2025

S/N	Business Enabling Reform Areas	Reform Objectives	Action Steps	Description and Key Targets	Beneficiaries	Responsible MDA	Contributing MDAs	Private Sector Participation	Estimated Cost	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date	
	Improved investment promotion environment	1. Advocay programmes on the investment potential of the state and to Establish a database of all investment opportunities in the state	1. Involvement of media organizations for the advocacy tours.	Increased number of investors carrying out environment-friendly, job creating, revenue generating, and energy saving businesses in the State.	1. Host Communities 2. Investors	Ministry of Trade and Investment	1. Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency. 2. Ministry of Information 3. Ministry of Commerce and Industry	National Association of Small Scale Industrialist, Ebonyi State Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (EBSCCIMA),	5,000,000	10/1/2025	29/01/2025	
			2. Regular interfacing with community leadership for friendly relationship with investors.						10,000,000	30/01/2025	18/2/2025	
			3. Creation and publication of yellow page for all the available investment opportunities in the state.						5,000,000	30/01/2025	1/31/2025	
		2. Enhancing awareness of MSMEs on existing business reforms.	1. Continuous enlightenment of MSMEs on existing business reforms.	Increasing the number of MSMEs doing business in the State as a result of awareness of existing business-friendly reforms to 5,000.	Ebonyi State Government, MSMEs, other investors, CSOs, and the general public.	Ebonyi State Government, MSMEs, other investors, CSOs, and the general public.		Ministry of Information and State Orientation.		6,000,000	6/1/2025	31/12/2025
			2. Organization of quarterly seminars/workshops for MSMEs in Ebonyi State.							12,000,000	6/1/2025	31/12/2025
		3. Enhancing the competitiveness of MSMEs in Ebonyi State.	1. Replication of the Aba business cluster model in Ebonyi State.	Increasing the number of MSMEs in the state by 40% and improving the quality and quantity of their products and services of MSMEs and increasing their annual turnover by 30%.	Ebonyi State Government, MSMEs, other investors, and the general public.	Ebonyi State Government, MSMEs, other investors, CSOs, and the general public.	Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Business Development; Ministry of Trade and Investment.	Association of Women Entrepreneurs, Artisan Association of Nigeria, Ebonyi Chapter, MSME Stakeholders Association, CBN, Bankers Committee Ebonyi State, Ebonyi Export Club, Coalition of CSOs and NGOs, Dovenet, Ebonyi - ABA Business Connect, etc	100,000,000	6/1/2025	31/12/2025
			2. Domestication of the Business Facilitation Act in Ebonyi State.							5,000,000	6/1/2025	31/12/2025
			3. Enhancing of global competitiveness of the products of Ebonyi MSMEs through digital advertising.							6,000,000	6/1/2025	31/12/2025

4. Increasing access of MSMEs in Ebonyi State to business financing.	1. Securing fund from BOI and other financial institutions for on-lending to MSMEs at concessionary interest rates.	Increasing the number of MSMEs that have access to business finances in the State and the value of fund accessible to them by 40%.	Ebonyi State Government, MSMEs, other investors, participating commercial banks, CSOs, and the general public.	(EBSMEDA)	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development; Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Business Development; Ministry of Trade and Investment.	Bank of Industry, Ebonyi State Branch, CBN, Globus bank, MSME Stakeholders Association, EBSCCIMA, Salt City Chamber of Commerce.	2,000,000	6/1/2025	31/12/2025
	2. Upgrading of EBSMEDA digital fund disbursement portal.		Ebonyi State Government, MSMEs, other investors, participating commercial banks, CSOs, and the general public.		Ministry of ICT		8,000,000	6/1/2025	31/12/2025
	3. Expansion and Procurement of One Stop Shop Facilities		Ebonyi State Government, MSMEs, other investors, participating commercial banks, CSOs, and the general public.		Ministry of Finance and Economic Development; Ministry of justice.		50,000,000	6/1/2025	31/12/2025
Publish inventory of all investment opportunities in Ebonyi state on its official website including steps required to access the opportunities.	Step 1: Launch Ebonyi State Investors and Business Database and enroll up to 2,000 entities with existing businesses and 200 potential investors.	To drive the industrialization policy of the state and attract both foreign and indogenous investors into Ebonyi state through adequate and efficient coordination of investment opportunities within targeted sectors of the economy.	Indegenious businesses and foreign investors, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMES), Ebonyi State Government, Entrepreneurs and Startups.	Ministry of Trade & Investment	Ministry of solid minerals, Ministry of ICT, Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency, Ministry of Budget, Ministry of Finance.	3rd Retail Africa, Exodus Electricals Ltd	8,000,000	6/3/2025	30/12/2025
	Step 2: Profile Ebonyi State programs and Investments opportunities across sectors.		Indegenious businesses and foreign investors, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMES), Ebonyi State Government, Entrepreneurs and Startups.				2,000,000		
	Step 3: Improved data for understanding and analysing trends and investor/business actions and inflow of investments into targeted economic sectors.		Indegenious businesses and foreign investors, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMES), Ebonyi State Government, Entrepreneurs and Startups.				3,000,000.00		

			<p>Step 4: Set up account/relationship responsibility for 50 highest priority strategic investors and businesses to prioritise service management and engagement and support Service Level management</p>		<p>Indegenious businesses and foreign investors, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMES), Ebonyi State Government, Entrepreneurs and Startups.</p>			1,000,000.00		
			<p>Step 5: Track, report and monitor service fulfilment against service targets and case management to ensure 60% success .</p>		<p>Indegenious businesses and foreign investors, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMES), Ebonyi State Government, Entrepreneurs and Startups.</p>			500,000.00		
			<p>Step 6: Finalise and publish reference document/FAQs of registration and regulatory process approvals, licensing and levies/government payments for 4 priority economic sectors across 5 highest impact/service fulfilment MDAs .</p>		<p>Indegenious businesses and foreign investors, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMES), Ebonyi State Government, Entrepreneurs and Startups.</p>			-		
2	Increased Transparency of Official Fees and Procedures	To Deploy an end to end Automation of the service, Promote self service for taxpayers and enhance realtime payment and receipting, Expand taxpayer data and revenue base	<p>Step 1: Introduction of e-tax system(Tax Management System (TMS), Integrated Vehicle Administration System(IVAS)) Introduction of Integrated/ single demand notice, Introduction of Ebonyi Social benefit card.</p> <p>Step 2. Review of Revenue law</p>	Sustain increased number of taxpayers and investors, build a robust data base and expand the revenue base	Tax Payers, MSMES Associations, Traders Association and Ebonyi State Government	<p>Step 1: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service</p> <p>Step 1: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service</p>	<p>1.Ministry of Justice</p> <p>2. Ebonyi State House of Assembly</p>	<p>20,000,000.00</p> <p>25,000,000.00</p>	<p>1/7/2024</p> <p>1/8/2024</p>	<p>1/10/2024</p> <p>31/12/2024</p>

3	Increased Transparency of Fees and Levies for Inter-State Trade Exporter Certification	1. To sustain increased Inter-State Trade vis- a vis Export of Goods	Step1. End to end automation and Codification of schedule of fees and levies by the service	To expand the base and increase the volume of inter-state trade.	EBSIRS and End Users	Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	NA		10,000,000.00	15/02/2025	18/12/2025
			Step 2. Develop a system Application to be placed on google playstore			Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service			6,000,000.00		
			Step3. Organize trianing for staff and other users of the service platform			Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service			5,000,000.00		
		2. Increase cooperative registration by 20% and actualization of 10% increase in MSMEs Export Certification	Step 1: Establishment of a divisional cooperative office in each of the 13 LGAs	To faciitate certification of agricultural products to meet internatioal standards and ensure that 20% of exportable MSMEs receive training and support inacquiring export certification	MSME, Ebonyi Export Club (EBEC), EBSG, Business Service Providers, Regulatory bodies	Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Ministry of trade and investment, Ministry of Solid Minerals, Ministry of ICT, Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Budget	Farmers Association of Nigeria, Ebonyi Chapter, FADAMA, Cooperative societies, Ebonyi Expot Club,etc	3,000,000.00	17/4/2025	23/4/2025
			Step 2: Inviting MSMEs and interested exporters for a meeting								
			Step 3: Conduct Quartely Sensitization/training in collaboration with NEPC for exporters						2,000,000.00	19/6/2025	22/7/2025
	Step 4: MSMEs to obtain allrequired documents for Export certification from NEPC through the Ministry of Commerce & Industry								23/7/2025	30/7/2025	
	Step 5: Integration of digital procedures for registration of cooperatives sociteis and payment platforms	5,000,000.00	31/7/2025	22/10/2025							
		Adoption and Implementation of FRILIA in the State	Step 1: Develop Stakeholder Engagement Strategy to outline consultation process for developing FRILIA		Ministry of Lands and Survey	Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Investment, Ministry of Local Government & Chieftaincy		3,000,000.00			

4	Improved Efficiency in Property Registration and Sustainability of the Land-based Investment Process	Step 2: Establishment and adoption through an executive order of a framework on FRILIA	To enhance access to large-scale investments, gainful employment on large-scale farms, sufficient income, and protection from the volatility of agricultural labour and product markets	Ebonyi State Government, Investors, General Public	Ebonyi State Government	Rice Farmers Association, Sofor Resources	0	10/1/2025	18/11/2025	
		Step 3: Inauguration of a Multi-Stakeholder Steering and Technical Committee			Ebonyi State Government		Ministry of Lands & Survey, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Investment, Ministry of Local Government & Chieftaincy			5,000,000.00
		Step 4: Development of Guidelines/toolkits that will guide investors throughout the development of land-intensive agricultural projects under the process established by the framework			Ministry of Lands and Survey		Ministry of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Ministry of Trade & Investment, Ministry of Local Government & Chieftaincy, Ministry of Women Affairs			7,000,000.00
		Step 5: Meeting with stakeholders to create awareness about FRILIA through various forums/platforms and get input. - Sensitization workshops - Town hall meetings			Ministry of Lands and Survey, Ministry of Trade & Investment		Ministry of Information and State Orientation.			50,000,000.00
		Step 1. Development of online search and electronic payment system.			Ebonyi State Government, Land Owners, Investors and the General Public		Step 1: Ministry of Lands and Survey.			Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology
	Step 2. Expansion of automation processing room	Ebonyi State Government, Land Owners, Investors and the General Public	Step 2: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology	1,000,000					
	Step 3. Procurement of 10 Laptops, 10 desktop computers and 2 laser jet pro color printers.	Ebonyi State Government, Land Owners, Investors and the General Public	Step 3: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Ebonyi State Board of Internal Revenue Service.	13,000,000					
	Step 4. Capturing of existing property cards into the system.	Ebonyi State Government, Land Owners, Investors and the General Public	Step 4: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology	2,000,000					
	Reduction on the time to apply and obtain Certificate of Occupancy and other registrable land instruments to increase revenue	Increased number of Certificate of Occupancy (from 50 to 90) and other land instruments registered (from 70 to 150) and issued out within 90 days in the State					Sofor Resources		11/2/2025	21/12/2025

			Step 5: Public awareness creation		Ebonyi State Government, Land Owners, Investors and the General Public	Step 7: Ministry of Lands and Survey	Ministry of Information and State Orientation		1,000,000		
5	Simplified State and Local Business Tax Regimes	To adequately harmonize and codify State Business Tax and Local Business Tax Regime	Review drafted State and Local Government Memorandum of Understanding for revenue administration and collection	Eradicate tax payer irritation by issuing a harmonized State and Local demand notice	EBSIRS, Ebonyi State Government, End Users	1.) Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Ebonyi State Revenue Appeal Commission, Ministry of Justice, Ebonyi State Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency	MSME Associations, Coalitions of NGOs and CSOs, Traders Association	2,000,000	10/1/2025	15/11/2025
			Continous Training and sensitization of revenue officers of the two arms						5,000,000	20/02/2025	
			Continous Education of tax payers and advertisement through Billboards with inscriptions on payable items						5,000,000	18/01/2025	
6	Development of an effective PPP Framework	Establishment of structures that will promote massive private investment in the state	Step 1. Strengthening the established legal framework to support investors in the state	Increased number of private investors carrying out environment-friendly business for the economic development of the state.	1. Private investors 2. Ebonyi State Government 3. Host communities	Ministry of Trade and Investment	1. Ministry of Trade & Investment 2. Ebonyi State Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency. 3. Ministry of Commerce & Industry	3rd Retail Africa, Exodus Electricals Ltd	10,000,000	1/1/2025	30/05/2025
			Step 2. Organizing an international investment/economic summit for private sectors to enhance full blown PPP implementation in the state.						50,000,000	1/6/2025	31/09/2025
7	Improved regulatory framework for private investment in fibre optic infrastructure	To improve on Fibre root for our telecom operators in the State for their easy access	Step 1: Drafting of Proposal for the creation of the permanent fiber root within the State capital to the Executive Governor	Increase the State IGR, Avoidance of damages to Fiber Infrastructure by road construction companies	1. Telecom Operators 2. Landlords 3. Ebonyi State Government	Ministry of Information Communication Technology	Ministry of Works and Infrastructure	MTN Nigeria, Airtel Communications, Glo, and other Telecom Operators	5,000,000		
			Executive Council Approval for the creation of Fibre root							1/1/2025	30/06/2025

			Creation of Permanent Fibre root to avoid damages by road construction companies in the State			Ministry of Information Communication Technology			150,000,000		
8	Quick Determination of Commercial Disputes	To ensure transparency and smmoth running of the Small claims court	provision of allowances to Magistrates,Registrars, and other IT staff of the Small Clams court	To ensure transparency and sustainability of the Small Claims Court	Ebonyi State Government, Smal Businesses	Judiciary	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ministry of Budget and Planning	Citizens of the State, Coperative Societies, Nano and Micro Businesses	20,000,000	31/01/2025	31/12/2025
TOTAL									648,500,000		