



# **Update on States' Collaboration with the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER)**

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# 1. Introduction

- ❖ At the last JPB/NCDP held in Uyo, NISER made a presentation on:
  - ❖ “The Role of Research in Policy Formulation & Implementation”
- ❖ The presentation highlighted the need for:
  - ❖ More analytic work on social and economic issues at the State level.
- ❖ The presentation then recommended the need for:
  - ❖ State Governments to establish State Research Institute (SRI) under the guidance of the NPC;
  - ❖ State Planning Commission (SPC) and SRI to encourage DPRS to conduct research;
  - ❖ Research staff of DPRS to undertake Internship at relevant Think Tanks, including NISER; and
  - ❖ Strong political support and resource allocation for research at all levels off Government, most especially at the State level.





## 2. State-NISER Collaborative Research

- ❁ Two States showed interest in collaborative research work in 2013
  - ❁ Taraba State
  - ❁ Lagos State
- ❁ Taraba State:
  - ❁ Training workshop on ***Research Methodology and Report Writing***
  - ❁ For Officers and allied Staff of Taraba State Planning Commission
  - ❁ 38 staff trained
- ❁ Lagos State:
  - ❁ Several interactive sessions on collaboration with Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget
  - ❁ We are developing specific areas of interest
  - ❁ In the process of bringing up an MoU





### 3. Update on Establishment of State Research Institute (SRI)

- ❖ No State has reported it has established SRI
- ❖ SRI is important to complement State Statistical Bureau
- ❖ It is also important to provide guidance to DPRS on research matters





## 4. NISER Concept Notes on State Level Research



NISER has developed Concept Notes on the following research topics:

1. Agricultural Resources for Economic Development at the State Level;
2. Challenges and Strategies of Community Policing in Enhancing Security in Nigeria;
3. Socio-Economic Impact of Municipal Governance and Urban Renewal Programmes in South-West Nigeria;
4. Conflicts between Farmers and Pastoralists: Resolving the Economic, Social and Political Challenges;
5. Conflict Resolution in the NDDC-Mandate States: Towards Effective Management of the Petroleum Host Communities Fund (PHCF);
6. Framework for Public Investment Efficiency at the State Level in Nigeria; and
7. Innovative Approaches to Revenue Mobilisation at the State Level in Nigeria.





## 4. NISER Concept Notes on State Level Research

### 1. Agricultural Resources for Economic Development at the State Level



#### Motivation:



the need to understand the nexus between agricultural resource endowment and the development paradigms at the State level.



#### Objectives

- i. Identify the agricultural resources (water, crops, livestock, fisheries and forestry) available in each State;
- ii. Examine the actual and potential contributions of these resources to the economic development of the State;
- iii. Examine the constraints engendering actual as well as the potential contributions; and
- iv. Propose policy recommendations for scaling-up and scaling-out agricultural resources for economic development at the State level.





## 4. NISER Concept Notes on State Level Research

### 2. Challenges and Strategies of Community Policing in Enhancing Security in Nigeria

#### ☀ Motivation:

- ☀ the increasing security challenges facing the country and its attendant's socio-economic consequences

#### ☀ Objectives

- i. Identify the gaps in the existing security apparatus in coping with the insecurity situation in the country;
- ii. Examine the possibility of adopting community policing and integrating it into the national security framework;
- iii. Assess stakeholder's perception with respect to community policing; and
- iv. Assess the legal, institutional and logistic, framework for community policing.







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### 3. Socio-Economic Impact of Municipal Governance and Urban Renewal Programmes in South-West Nigeria



#### Motivation:



Many States are known to have commenced various forms of urban renewal programmes in order to address infrastructural deficits in their respective states



#### Objectives

- i. To identify what factors necessitate urban renewal programmes in the State;
- ii. To explicate and describe the form and character of urban renewal programmes being implemented in the State;
- iii. To assess the impact of urban renewal programmes on citizens of the State; and
- iv. To identify steps put in place to ensure the continuity and sustainability of urban renewal programmes beyond the lifespan of a current regime.





## 4. NISER Concept Notes on State Level Research

### 4. Conflicts between Farmers and Pastoralists: Resolving the Economic, Social and Political Challenges



#### Motivation:



In Nigeria, citizens' claims over access to certain resources such as land, minerals and water have become very volatile and explosive in several states of the Federation



#### Objectives

- i. To identify the underlying drivers of conflicts between pastoralists and farmers in the affected states in Nigeria;
- ii. To examine the political economy issues involved in the conflicts;
- iii. To identify and assess the efforts so far put in place to resolve the conflicts between pastoralists and farmers in Nigeria;
- iv. To determine how successful the efforts to resolve the conflicts between pastoralists and farmers in Nigeria have been; and
- v. To identify measures to be taken to ensure sustainable peace in conflict-prone states.





## 4. NISER Concept Notes on State Level Research

### 5. Conflict Resolution in the NDDC-Mandate States: Towards Effective Management of the Petroleum Host Communities Fund (PHCF)



#### Motivation:



The need for a region that is economically prosperous, socially stable, ecologically regenerative and politically peaceful



#### Objectives

- i. To assess host communities' perception of the benefits of PHCF in their areas;
- ii. To examine the extent to which the PHCF can resolve the lingering conflict in host communities;
- iii. To examine the synergy between the PHCF and other strategies for resolving the conflicts in NDDC- Mandate States; and





## 4. NISER Concept Notes on State Level Research

### 6. Framework for Public Investment Efficiency at the State Level in Nigeria



#### Motivation:



In the face of dwindling resources and huge public investment demands, it is vital for State Governments to develop robust strategies and criteria for allocating resources



#### Objectives

- i. Determine the underlying criteria, mechanisms and patterns of allocation of public investments by State Governments;
- ii. Randomly select successful and not so successful investment projects by State Governments and subject them to the efficiency framework;
- iii. Dissect the role of various government actors across both sectors and jurisdictions in the design and implementation of public investments in the states;
- iv. Assess the levels and types of capacity (skills/resources) available in states for public investment analysis.





## 4. NISER Concept Notes on State Level Research

### 7. Innovative Approaches to Revenue Mobilisation at the State Level in Nigeria

#### ✿ Motivation:

- ✿ The need to enhance the viability of State Governments and de-emphasise high level of dependence on statutory allocations

#### ✿ Objectives

- i. To examine the legal, institutional and administrative arrangements for revenue mobilization evenue mobilisation fund;
- ii. To determine the degree of adoption of innovative approaches to revenue mobilisation;
- iii. To identify bottlenecks to the adoption of these approaches; and
- iv. To proffer strategies for shoring up revenue at the State level.





## 5. Conclusion and Recommendations

- ❖ State Governments should establish State Research Institute (SRI) to complement their Statistical Agency
- ❖ State Planning Commission (SPC) and SRI to encourage DPRS to conduct research
- ❖ Research staff of DPRS to undertake Internship at relevant Think Tanks, including NISER
- ❖ Strong political support and resource allocation for research at all levels of Government, most especially at the State level
- ❖ State Governments to consider the Concept Notes that NISER has developed
- ❖ NPC and NISER to provide support to State Governments on research-related matters.





*Thank You*

