



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.





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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.





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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.





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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





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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.





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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 off 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

