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Lagos adopts OECD-Policy Framework for Investment

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The Lagos State Government has adopted the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) guidelines on developing a Policy Framework for Investment (PFI) that will help the state improve its business climate.

The Policy Framework for Investment (PFI) is globally acknowledged as the most comprehensive and systematic approach for improving investment conditions ever developed. It provides a checklist of key policy issues that must be addressed by any government that wants to attract investments and enhance development.

Many developed economies of the world are known to be applying the OECD-PFI.

Lagos State is the first government at sub-national level in the world to apply the OECD-PFI tool. This affirms the state’s desire to mobilize a quantum of investment that would support its economic growth and sustainable development and place it as the preferred investment destination in Africa.

The Lagos State Ministry of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with the UK Department for International Development (DFID) under its Growth & Employment in States (GEMS3) programme facilitated this development.

When the OECD-PFI is fully applied, it will ensure a competitive environment that will lead to more jobs creation, improved livelihoods and poverty reduction.

Lagos EXCO approves State Development Plan

The Lagos State Executive Council has approved the Lagos State Development Plan (LSDP) as the over-arching development framework for the state from 2013 till 2025.

The LSDP harmonizes several high-level policy and non-policy documents that earlier existed and routinely referenced by the various sectors and agencies of government for the development of their sector strategies, programmes and budget preparation processes.

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With the new Plan, the state now has a comprehensive development framework that is anchored on its new vision and mission.

The LSDP provides clear goals and objectives to guide the medium term sector strategies; links the sector strategies to the annual budget and the annual sector performance review process; and contain key indicators for measuring sector performance and reporting on same annually.

The adoption and approval of the LSDP is a fitting culmination to a journey that commenced more than three years ago, when the Ministry of Economic

and a generator, and provided computers and accessories.

The bank partnered with DFID based on the latter’s credibility and well known support to basic education in Lagos State.

The implementation of the support to the school was based on ESSPIN’s Challenge Fund model which enables schools and their communities to identify and execute given support based on their needs.

About 350 pupils of Ikoyi Primary School now learn in a more conducive environment.

moving forward, the next step will be the completion of a comprehensive programme of implementation for the LSDP.  it will contain clear milestones, key performance indicators, timelines and sectoral responsibilities.

There will also be the convening of an LSDP Ministerial Steering Committee to provide high-level supervisory role on the implementation of the 15-year plan.

Citibank-DFID partnership:
gains for Ikoyi Primary School

This year’s CITIBANK Global Community Day was held in collaboration with DFID South West, Lagos. The event held on June 22, 2013 was an annual give-back initiative of the bank towards the development of communities where it operates.

Partnering with DFID-ESSPIN, the bank was able to support Ikoyi Primary School, Osborne Road to improve its facilities.

The bank renovated the school’s two-storey building of 18 classrooms, introduced whiteboards, fixed a borehole and a generator, and provided computers and accessories.

The message was delivered during a community drama tour titled Agbajowo (Working Together) organised by ESSPIN in partnership with the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB).
Participants at the training session

British Deputy High Commissioner supports climate change advocacy

Mr Peter Carter, British Deputy High Commissioner to Nigeria, has pledged his commitment to advocate for a lasting solution on climate change.

He made the pledge at a legislative retreat organised by the States Accountability and Voice Initiative (SAVI) and its civil society partner - the Policy Advocacy Project Partnership on Climate Change - as a step towards the passage of the Climate Change policy framework into law.

“We need to work together - NGOs, researchers, businesses, state governments, Federal government and country - to find solutions and agree common goals. Working together is the only way we will mitigate the effects of climate change,” Carter said.

Legal Aid Scheme introduced in Isokoko and 13 other police stations in Lagos

A scheme to improve the treatment of suspects and the way the public view how people are treated in police stations has been introduced in Lagos State.

Pioneered by the Justice for All (J4A) programme, the Legal Aid scheme engages lawyers or para-legal staffers to agree on a pro- bono basis to daily attend to police stations to review the legality and treatment of any suspect arrested or detained.

The lawyers are to offer free legal advice to such persons, including victims of gender based violence, as necessary and where possible provide an ‘on call’ service by telephone for suspects to exercise their rights to seek legal advice. A training was organized in this regard for some lawyers in May 2013.

J4A is running the scheme in partnership with the Nigeria Police Force and other key organizations like the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Office of the Public Defender, Legal Aid Council, Directorate of Citizens’ Rights, and the Nigerian Bar Association.

Although police have been granted extensive legal authority to arrest and detain suspects, the scheme is ensuring that these powers are used lawfully and that suspects are treated with respect and without excessive force.

The scheme which started at Isokoko Police Station in Agege, has recorded tremendous progress and is being extended to 13 other stations in Lagos.

The Divisional Police Officer for Isokoko, Amaechi Oliver, believes that the model police station is a possibility with the cooperation of all stakeholders in the justice delivery sector.
PATHS2 Lagos Knowledge Management team recently had an interactive session with Dr Jide Idris, Lagos State Commissioner for Health. Here are some excerpts.

**Interview**

PATHS2: What has been the major achievement of the 2010-2015 Lagos State Strategic Health Development Plan (SSHDP)?

**Jide Idris:** The SSHDP has different areas of planning or thematic areas like governance and accountability, service delivery, human resource for health, healthcare financing, community mobilisation, etc.

For human resource for health, we have been able to do workload analysis and we're coming up with a draft policy on human resource for health. This would be the first time in the state.

On healthcare financing, we have made appreciable progress, thanks to PATHS2. We have done a review of our pilot programmes - the Community Based Health Insurance (CBHI). We have done actuarial studies also with PATHS2 and we have inputs from the State Council on Health Meeting. We’re now trying to see how best we can come up with a proper framework for the state in terms of healthcare financing.

PATHS2: Specifically, what’s your assessment of the work by some of the development partners like PATHS2?

**Jide Idris:** Let me say they have been very effective. At least, with their contributions PATHS2 has been very positive to us, because through their assistance we have been able to address a number of issues. With support from PATHS2 we have been able to at least focus on major thematic areas. But there is still a lot of work to do. But I think their participation in the sector is very, very, positive. And if other agencies can do what they’ve done, I think Lagos would be better for it.

Working with PATHS2 has been very beneficial. In terms of service delivery they have added a lot of things and supported us quite a lot, especially drug commodities, drug revolving funds, and they have provided and built capacity aimed at strengthening the health system, and health information management.

PATHS2: Obviously, there are challenges with the health system in Lagos. Could you shed more light on these?

**Jide Idris:** Of course, there are challenges in the health sector. There is no perfect healthcare system anywhere. There are challenges that are peculiar to the state’s health sector. One of which is the population of people we need to provide healthcare for. Providing services to a high number of patients is no mean task. Our terrain is not the best and there is the water.

We must note that the health sector is not standing on its own; it depends on other agencies of government like environment, works, transportation, housing, water, waste disposal, to ensure all have positive impact on health. So, the resources to do that are very limited. And when I mean resources, I mean in terms of infrastructure, financing, and human resources.
Photo speaks

**DFID-CITIBANK partnership**
Staff of DFID South West with Lagos SUBEB Chairman and Citibank CEO during the Citibank 2013 Global Community Day

**Climate Change advocacy**
L-R: Vice-Chairman and Chairman, House Committee on Environment (Lagos State House of Assembly), British Deputy High Commissioner and DFID SW Regional Coordinator at a retreat on climate change organized by SAVI

**BRF Meets Business**
Governor Babatunde Fashola addressing participants at the Lagos Corporate Assembly organized by Ministry of Commerce and Industry and supported by GEMS3

**New technology**
Concrete block makers watch the demonstration of a new batch mixer introduced by GEMS2

**Programmes Coordination**
Mr Peter Carter, British Deputy High Commissioner in a group photograph with DFID SW staff and heads or representatives of DFID programmes in Lagos after a recent meeting of the programmes

**Better Auditing**
DFID SW Regional Coordinator, GEMS3 Team, Auditor-General of LGAs and his Management Team, and Council Treasurers proudly displaying the Audit and Accounting Manuals reviewed and updated with support from GEMS3
HIV & AIDS: Sustaining the fight through interpersonal communication (IPC)

Background / Context

For Enhancing Nigeria’s Response to HIV & AIDS (ENR), Behavioral Change Communication activities within Lagos communities were hinged on result of NARHS 2007 which revealed that only 43% male and 36% female had accurate knowledge of HIV & AIDS prevention.

Hence ENR commenced its Prevention/Behavioral Change Communication activities within the communities in October 2010 adopting various participatory approaches in disseminating HIV & AIDS information. Such approaches include the Society Tackling AIDS through Rights (STAR), Priority for Local AIDS Control Efforts (PLACE) and Interpersonal Communication (IPC).

Of these approaches, the IPC is being used to reach more diverse target audiences of all age ranges. A total of 138,240 IPC sessions held in 2012 reached 1,695,548 individuals with strategic Behavioural Change Communication intervention in eight LGAs of Lagos State resulting in increased behaviour change among targets (SHARS 2011).

Approach

Through the efforts of LACA managers in eight ENR focal LGAs, 340 young adult males and females were recruited from the local environment and trained as IPC conductors. They were also equipped with the necessary tools in form of IPC guide needed to communicate to targets within the locality.

The trained conductors work three days in the week moving around their local areas and disseminating HIV & AIDS prevention/Behavioural Change information to heterogeneous groups of market men and women, artisans, traders and professionals. Armed with the flip charts containing intended messages, the Monitoring Information System form is used to gather basic data concerning people reached.

Results

Following on the success recorded in the eight LGAs, Alimosho LGA opted to replicate the model in Olugbede, Bameke, Ogunade and Orelope communities using volunteer male and female adults as IPC conductors to propagate the HIV prevention messages within the LGA. In addition, ENR is presently working with the Lagos State Ministry of Agriculture to train 100 agriculture extension workers as IPC conductors across the three geo-political zones of the state.

The Impact

“The way wey young people for this Orelope community dey engage in sex too much. When I been talk to them last year about the danger in engaging in multiple partnering they tell me say me I don old, say I don enjoy my life for youth but I no wan make them enjoy their own. They say Condom na the last tin wey them go use cos e no they sweet.

And as I know the risk wey dey for unprotected sex and multiple partnering I come say I no go stop to dey talk and enlighten the youth in my community. I have been able to change some people’s view and perception but need to continue so that the more I say it, the more people will adopt positive lifestyles.”

Mr Dapo Idowu, IPC Conductor

“I have so much passion for Bameke community so I want to pass this knowledge to everybody especially women in the community to prevent the rate of new infection and also help people living positive to talk about it freely and get help.”

- Alhaja Quardri, IPC Conductor
GEMS2 introduces new batch mixing technology for concrete block making

The benefits of innovative new-to-Nigeria concrete block making technology were demonstrated to 150 enthusiastic block makers at pilot sites in Lagos and Abuja in late May and early June 2013 by the Growth and Employment in States (GEMS2) programme.

The invited block makers, ranging from owners of small and medium block making enterprises to informal roadside block makers and their associates, were evidently impressed as the operation of the batch mixers was demonstrated to them.

The GEMS2 introduced batch mixer increases the efficiency of concrete block production by utilising a well-engineered, robust batch mixer that is affordable to buy and run and produces more high quality, greater value blocks in a given time than traditional modes of production thus resulting in increased incomes.

To ensure this pioneering pilot project is scalable and sustainable, GEMS2 is working hard to facilitate market led financing options for the initial purchase of the batch mixer and demonstrate the clear financial benefits to this mode of more efficient production.

South West States Share Experiences on Good Governance

The six South West states of Ekiti, Lagos, Ondo, Ogun, Osun and Oyo came together in May 2013 in Lagos to share experiences of their governance reforms at a Share Fair event facilitated by the Nigeria Governors Forum (NGF) and supported by the State Partnership for Accountability, Responsiveness and Capability (SPARC) programme.

It was an opportunity for the states to exchange good practices and innovations in governance. The states were represented by their Commissioners, Heads of Service, Permanent Secretaries, Directors General and General Managers.

BRF Meets Business

The 2nd Lagos Corporate Assembly tagged ‘BRF Meets Business’ was hosted by Governor Babatunde Raji Fashola (BRF) in April at the Lekki Free Zone, Akodo, Ibeju-Lekki.

The event was organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and supported by GEMS3 to strengthen the relationship between the Organized Private Sector (OPS) and the State Government.

The OPS constitutes a major stakeholder and partner in government’s efforts to realize the economic development agenda. The maiden edition of the Corporate Assembly was held in March 2012, at the State House, Marina.

The forum afforded participants the opportunity to explore areas of mutual concerns and to generate ideas that would improve the business environment in the state. It also afforded the State Government the opportunity to get feedback on the perception of its policies and laws.
DFID Programmes in Lagos

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Event | Training on Planning & Budget Manual and new Budget Classification & Chart of Accounts for Lagos State LGA/LCDAs

Date | 29th July - 6th August 2013

Venue | LCCI Conference Hall

Feedback on the first issue of DFID @ Work in Lagos

“This is a great read - short but really informative, the budget stuff was particularly well communicated. I’m sharing with my team as I know they’ll appreciate this. Do send us future ones.”

Sarah White, Head, Human Development Team, DFID Nigeria

Give us your feedback

We will still like to hear from you. Please let us have your comments, views, opinions, suggestions, enquiries, etc.