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S/N	Business Enabling Reform Areas	Reform Objectives	Action Steps	Description and Key Targets	Beneficiaries	Responsible MDA	Contributing MDAs	Actual Expenditure	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date	Progress Update		
											Status	Description of Status	Next Steps
1	Strengthening the existing One Stop Shop	Reduce Time and Cost of obtaining business approvals, permits, authorizations and licenses. Increased speed and transparency in processes and procedures	All relevant participating MDAs warehoused at the shop to have power to give preliminary approvals for business permits. -Create an integrated and support network registration processes amongst the operational MDAs. Specialized Training and Study Tour on the workings of an effective and efficient One Stop Shop Mechanism	-Using SMART analysis to measure performance of the State Action Business Enabling Reforms (SABER) verification protocol of reforms introduced or reviewed in the state - The process of obtaining business approvals to be reduced accordingly: -Business Premises: 2days - 1day -Building Permits: 5days - 3days -C of O : 2weeks - 1week -Commercial Dispute: Within 30 working days	Participating MDAs at One Stop Shop -Private Sector players -MSMEs	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	- Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Industry - Min. of Finance - Open Government Partnership - Niger State Geographic Information System Agency - Niger State Urban Development Board - Niger State Commodity & Export Promotion Agency - Niger State Public Private Partnership Agency - Niger State Signage & Advertisement Agency - Niger State Water & Sewage Corporation	N10,000,000	Jan, 2023	December, 2023	i. (Completed): The OSS has been restructured, a Consultant was engaged and a Strategic Framework for an effective and efficient OSS has been developed ii. (On-going): Deployment /training of desk officers has also commenced iii. NSIPA now has legal instrument backing its operation - (Completed) iv. (On-going): Effective coordination of investment activities	1. Created awareness of the existence of the One Stop Shop to the Business Community 2. Clearly defined and streamlined process and procedures which tends to reduce time & cost of doing business in the state 3. Disputes (Commercial) have been minimized 4. Paucity of funds and delay in inauguration of steering/TWG	1. Specialized training, learning visits and other engagements have been rolled to 2024. 2. Continuous Synergy between line MDAs
2	Increase private sector participation in the process of policy and institutional reforms on BEE	- Private Sector Consultation & Engagement on Business Enabling Reforms. - Engage private sector players to work more strategically and systematically towards achieving the Business Enabling Reforms Action Plan (BERAP) and seek inputs - Convenes key	-Identify and profiling active private sector players in the state -Consultation Communique' referred to the State Ease of Business Enabling Council (SEBEC) and State Executive Council (SEC) for consideration & further action	-Adopt Public Private Dialogue Strategy -Engage MDAs involved in achieving reform KPIs in the implementation of State Action for Business Enabling Reforms (SABER) - Hold quarterly private sector engagement targeting approximately 1000 participant per annum	- Industries - BDS providers - Manufacturers - Investors - MSMEs - Government	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	All MDAs in the State	N5,000,000	Jan, 2023	Jan, 2023	1. Completed): The Private Sector was hold 2. (On-going): Engagement MSM Data base improved for effective coordination 3. (On-going): Concept Note has been developed for implementation	1. Concerns have been identified and deliberated upon from the previous meetings with solutions recommended to concerned Agencies for Implementation 2. - Ideal of SABER (on ensuring ease of doing business in the state shared with them and state's commitment assured) 3. Inadequate Funding	The stakeholders shall continue to interface for the private to strive to boost economic growth in the state
3	Effective, Efficient and Corrupt free Public Sector performance	Public Sector Engagement Interface with relevant reform MDAs on SABER program and to identify role of each MDAs for effective implementation	-Collect & Collate relevant information on reform activities in their respective MDAs through -Peer learning review workshop /Seminars	Identify unfriendly policies and other hindrances that require reforms to ease doing business in the state	All relevant public sectors players in the state	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	All MDAs in the State	N2,000,000	Feb, 2023	Feb, 2023	1. (Completed): The State Ministry of communication and digital economy has developed a central computer based solution that allows businesses to register and make payments online aimed at reducing income leakages 2. (On-going): This reform area have been mainstreamed in the 2024 BERAP to address specific SABER DLI	1. SABER Reform MDAs actively collaborated in the implementation of the 2023 activities in line with agreed activities in the BERAP to improve the ranking of Niger State amongst other states in the country 2. Funding for publicity is required	Transparency, accountability and openness guaranteed and shall be sustained in 2024



4	Improve the general investment climate by identifying existing gaps in the business environment through a strategic platform	serve as a troubleshooting platform in addressing outcomes through the Private and Public Sector Engagements	- Business & Investment Round Table -Presentation on general status report of the state business environment by NSIPA -Recommendations to be sent to State Enabling Business Environment Council & State Executive Council for consideration and further action	-A platform for collection of reliable data and information required to aid necessary investment policy reforms that would further reduce time and cost of doing business and improve the general business environment of the state	-Organized Private Sector -Business Owners -Investors -Micro Small and Medium Enterprises	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	-Min. of Investment; Agric.; Works; Tourism; Environment & Relevant Agencies	N2,000,000	Mar, 2023	Mar, 2023	1. (On-going): Activities aimed at improving business environment such as the private sector engagements, strengthening the OSS have commenced 2. (On-going): Data base on investors updated in the state NSIPA to structure the coordination of investment activities in the state	1. 2023 round table discussion held with the Private Sector 2. - Data bank on business up-dated 3. - NSIPA has gotten legal/structural banking with NSIPA Law enacted 4. More funding required	Key investment derived activities have been rolled over to 2024 for effective coordination
5	Unpacks the role of MSMEs in the state economic activities	Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Clinic to create an enabling environment for MSME to thrive through necessary interventions (programs / reform activities)	Increase in formal registration, access to credit, financial literacy, capacity building and Business Development Services	Enhance performance of SMEs in contributing to economy and GDP of the state	-Pre-start-u Business -Start-up Business - Existing Business	- Small & Medium Enterprise /Microfinance Agency	- Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce & Industry - Niger Chamber of Commerce, Industries Mines & Agriculture	N4,500,000	Apr, 2023	Apr, 2023	1. (Completed): MSMEs 2000 in the state have benefited from the state MSME support program tagged NG-Cares - 2. (On-going): NSIPA & PPPA now working in synergy	1. The state has witnessed increased MSME activities cutting across all local government of the state and this has boosted economic activities and GDP 2. MSMEs data bank harnessed and collaboration strengthened between NSPPP Agency and NSIPA 3. More funds required for increased intervention	Further interface to continue in 2024 for improved business operation and access to credit facility from financial institutions will support businesses in the State on the lookout PPP Law enacted
6	Review and restructure state service delivery institutions so that they can be more accountable and result-oriented	Institutional Reforms to strengthen capacity and service delivery system of institutions relevant to improving business environment	- Ensure all reform MDAs are digitalized in service delivery to increase speed, efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability in discharge of responsibilities.	Eliminate Manual processes and procedures in issuance of permits, approvals, authorizations & licences	-Niger State Urban Development Board -Niger State Geographic Information System Agency - OSIC - Niger State Signage & Advertisement Agency -Min. of Investment - Niger State Water & Sewage Corporation	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	- Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Industry - Open Government Partnership	N2,000,000	Feb, 2023	Dec, 2023	(On-going): K10 Activities under this reform area have been re-phrased in 2024 BERAP to address specific DLI requirement	All activities have not started in earnest (on-going)	SABER Steering Committee/Ease of Doing Business Council to streamline tangible linkages/contacts with Service Delivery Institutions/MDAs for improved service delivery and value for money in the State in the current year 2024



7	Improve government investment and doing business policies, regulations and laws	-Investment Policy and policy guides to be developed - Produce harmonised investment policy compendium of the state. Effective implementation of the Niger State sector Specific Investment Incentive Policy applicable to eligible businesses and industries in the state.	-Reputable Investment Policy Consultant to be Engaged. -Draft Investment policy presented to State Enabling Business Environment Council & SEC for consideration and further actions -Policy draft sent to State House of Assembly for legal backing	- The adoption of investment policy document will guide investors in investment decisions - Will put an end to discretionary application of investment policies to investors and general investment climate of the state - serves as a legal referral investment policy document of the state.	-Private Sectors -Domestic & Foreign Investors - Small and Medium Enterprises	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	- Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Industry - Open Government Partnership	N5,000,000	Apr, 2023	May, 2023	(On-going): NSIPA now in control of investment related activities in the state	Niger State Investment Policy/Strategic document produced to guide investment climate and opportunity in the State	Facilitation of utilization of windows of incentives investors is on-going in the current year by NSIPA
8	Effective Implementation of State Harmonized Tax Regulatory Policy	-Remove double or multiple taxations in the state. -Ease process of tax payments and proper record keepings	-Strengthen the capacity of the state internal revenue service -Organize a joint retreat session for the implementing MDAs and private sector players. -Sensitization network outfits to be enhanced	- Removal of double taxation at state and local government level - Define tax jurisdiction - Create more windows for process of payment of taxes to further simplified steps involve	Government and private sectors	Ministry of Finance	Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Planning Commission Open Government Partnership	N10, 000, 000	Feb, 2023	Feb, 2023	i. (On-going): Effective coordination between state & LGAs created on Tax issues ii. (On-going): Double taxation now maintained	State/LGA Tax Law has been harmonized and enacted in 2023	Sensitization is to continue in 2024 BERAP
9	Positing Local Governments to perform maximally and become competitively attractive to investors through an improved business enabling environment	Engagement with 25LGs to sensitize the local government on SABER activities and general investment policy reforms in the state	-Creation of investment desk officers -Development of Book of Local Government (BOLG)	- creation of investment promotion department with at least 3 dedicated staff to be trained on the field - The BOLG will warehouse comparative and competitive economic activities, natural endowments and other relevant information of the local governments	25 Local Government of the state	Min. for local government & chieftaincy affairs	Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Industry	N1,500,000	Jun, 2023	Jun, 2023	1. (On-going): The establishment of Investment Promotion Desk across the 25 LGs of the State 2. (Completed): Concept of the One Local Government, One Product (OLOP) have been developed	1. Consolidated and streamlined process and procedure that reduces time and cost of doing business is envisaged 2. Sensitization is to continue in 2024 BERAP 3. Funding Needed	To be implemented via collaboration between SABER/NSIRS and Ministry for Local Government & Chieftaincy Affairs
10	Image Building through Investment Promotion and Advocacy Strategy	Improving the image of the state through public relations, advertising etc	Provide the government and key decision makers in the both public and private space with a plan for attracting both domestic and foreign investment through reform programmes	Seeks public and private sector support for or recommendations of the policy reforms being introduced. Through: - Annual business and investment forum - Quarterly business roundtable - Annual public private dialogue	Domestic and foreign investors, Government and MSMEs	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	- Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Industry - Open Government Partnership	N3, 000, 000	Jan, 2023	Dec, 2023	(On-going): Development of a robust website and social handles for state product promotion in alignment with International Best Practices	1. Improved infrastructure and streamlined regulations to foster a conducive climate. 2. Effective advocacy aligns stakeholders and policymakers, paving the way for sustainable development and prosperity. 3. Funding Needed	NSIPA is strategizing to implement in 2024 BERAP
11	Capacity Building	Identify specialized tailored training on Business Enabling Environment (BEE)	-In and Out Bound Trainings -Study Tours where applicable	Enhance capacity of the implementers /implementing MDAs	Identified strategic reform MDAs	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	-Min. of Finance - Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Industry - Office of the Secretary to the State Government - Open Government Partnership	N5,000,000	Feb, 2023	Dec, 2023	(On-going): Capacity gaps identified in SABER related MDAs to be addressed in 2024 BERAP on training	1. Sensitization is to continue in 2024 BERAP 2. Funding Needed	Capacity building on all SABER related issues shall continue in 2024 with the support of NGF & PEBEC and Consultants engaged by the State where necessary



