



NASARAWA STATE

BUSINESS-ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (BERAP) - 2025

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Ministry of Lands and Urban Development
Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment
Nasarawa Urban Development Board
Nasarawa Geographic Information Service
Nasarawa State Bureau of Public Procurement
Ministry of Justice
Nasarawa Information Technology & Digital Economy Agency
Nasarawa State Internal Revenue Service
Activista
Nasarawa Chamber of Commerce, Mines & Agriculture
National Association of Small-Scale Industrialists
Mother & Childcare Enhancement Foundation
National Youth Council of Nigeria; Youth Assembly of Nigeria

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S/N	Business Enabling Reform Areas	Reform Objectives	Action Steps	Description and Key Targets	Beneficiaries	Responsible MDA	Contributing MDAs	List of Private Sector contributors	Estimated costs	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date
1	Nasarawa Economic Development Strategy 2.0 and Infrastructure Masterplan	To develop a strategy to improve the productivity of the state by leveraging its competitive advantages toward achieving inclusive economic growth and socio-economic transformation of the state that translates into substantial improvements in the quality of lives of the state citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with key representatives of various MDAs • Harmonization of contributions from MDAs • Presentation of draft strategy document to the academia and the private sector for consideration & inputs • Preparation of the Final copy of the strategy document • Presentation of the strategy document for approval • Publication in the state's official website 	This is to provide a strategic road map to be followed in the implementation of policies for the development of the state. It shall encapsulate the approach, as it is expected to be the foundation for all the government's actions. Specific targets include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying medium-term goals & priorities • identifying game-changing opportunities • identifying reforms & enablers • make the state competitive & ensure that opportunities and benefits trickle down the economic ladder • improve the state's ability to create wealth for its people • attract and 	MDA, business owners, investors & the citizens	Nasarawa Investment & Development Agency	Ministry of Trade, Industry & Investment; Nasarawa State Internal Revenue Service; Nasarawa Information Technology & Digital Economy Agency & Ministry of Finance, Budget & Planning	Activista, Nasarawa Chamber of Commerce, Mines & Agriculture & National Association of Small Scale Industrialists	15,000,000	Jan-25	Dec. 2025

				retain residents, businesses & investors							
2	NEBEC Business Champions Program	This Reform seeks to provide direct support to business champions to minimize bottlenecks experienced in accessing government-delivered services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify key priority sectors Provide a simplified regulatory interface to identify the challenges faced by the target businesses Provide bespoke customized services and general support to help businesses do better 	The key target is to minimize bottlenecks experienced in accessing government-delivered services and directly support business champions. This will increase the number of businesses that register in the state	Businesses	Nasarawa Investment & Development Agency	Ministry of Trade, Industry & Investment	Nasarawa Chamber of Commerce, Mines & Agriculture & National Association of Small Scale Industrialists	5,000,000	Mar-25	Nov-25
3	90 days regulatory reform accelerator initiatives action plan	This reform shall align with global best practices and include a strong performance tracking element measured by a homegrown ease of doing business index (DBI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of key indicators to track/monitor MDAs' performance Development of an excel tracker Engagement sessions with reform champions of business-related MDAs on the 90 days regulatory reform accelerator initiative Training of Reforms Champions on the management of the portal Monthly performance tracking meetings with all reform champions 	The key target is to improve the overall business climate in the state by tracking performance to ensure efficiency and transparency of public service delivery in business-related MDAs	Business across various sectors of the economy	Nasarawa Enabling Business Environment Council (NEBEC)	Nasarawa Investment & Development Agency & Nasarawa Information Technology & Digital Economy Agency	Activista; Mother & Childcare Enhancement Foundation; National Association of Small Scale Industrialists; Nasarawa Chamber of Commerce, Mines & Agriculture	20,000,000	Jan-25	Jun-25

4	Development of Skills Repository	This reform is designed to improve the impediment into the labor market & provide a repository of available skills in the state for employers to access & utilize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Development of a database to host the repository ii. Sensitization of members of the public on how to utilize the platform iii. Establishment of community employment centers in the 13 LGAs iv. Establish a joint government & private sector monitoring & evaluating team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is designed to provide employers with details of available skills in the state. The key target is to provide a reliable skill repository for the state & reduce the number of unemployed. At the end of this reform, 10,000 entrants shall be captured on the repository 	Artisans; entrepreneurs; Women & youths	Nasarawa State Human Capital Development Agency	Nasarawa State Information Technology & Digital Economy Agency, Nasarawa Investment & Devt. Agency; Industrial Training Fund; State Innovative Technology Institute	Mother & Childcare Enhancement Foundation; National Youth Council of Nigeria; Youth Assembly of Nigeria; Activista	15,000,000	Jan-25	Oct-25
5	Entrepreneurial training to support the development of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	This reform seeks to create an enabling environment for private investments (domestic & foreign) to thrive in the state	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Engage with Bank of Industry, Industrial Training Fund, Small & Medium Enterprise Development Agency of Nigeria, Wing Commander Ibrahim Abdullahi Training & Vocational Institute, & others for quarterly vocational & entrepreneurship training along the lines of 7 new ventures (agriculture, ICT, Mining, trade & commerce, vocational training, art & craft) ii. Completion of Technology Innovation Hub at Karu. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To train 5,000 youths, business owners, and women, graduates in & out of school across the 7 identified areas ii. To provide state incentives to encourage entrepreneurial activities in the 7 areas 	Business owners	Nasarawa State Human Capital Development Agency	National directorate of employment; Nasarawa State Relevant Technology Board; State Vocational & Innovation Institute; Small & Medium Enterprises Devt of Nigeria; Industrial Training Fund	Mother & Childcare Enhancement Foundation; National Youth Council of Nigeria; Youth Assembly of Nigeria; Activista	21,000,000	Jan-25	Sep-25

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7	Training of Judicial Officer of Small Claims Court	To equip the Judges with legal knowledge, case management skills, and communication tools necessary to adjudicate minor disputes fairly, efficiently and accessibly	i. Stakeholders' engagement on Small Claims Court ii. Training of Judicial Judges handling Small Claims Court iii. Monitoring & tracking of Small Claims Court Reports in line with global best practices	This seeks to equip the judges with the requisite legal knowledge of case management skills & communication tools necessary to adjudicate minor disputes	Judicial Judges and members of the public	Ministry of Justice, Nasarawa State Judicial Service Commission	Nasarawa Investment & Devt. Agency	National Association of Small Scale Industrialists; Nasarawa Chamber of Commerce, Mines & Agriculture; Mother & Childcare Enhancement Foundation	8,000	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2025

8	Institutionalization of Grievance Redress Mechanism in business related MDAs	To deepen the ability of MDAs to redress grievances in the most efficient manner	i. Stakeholders' engagement on GRM ii. Development of a central web portal for GRM iii. Training of dedicated staff from business-related MDAs on how to manage & coordinate grievance redress iv. Monitoring & tracking of grievances & feedback	This reform is an innovative platform designed to receive feedback and complaints from service end users and the general public regarding the quality of service delivered by MDAs in Nasarawa state. at the end of this reform, 100 grievances shall be resolved	Business owners & Members of the public	Nasarawa Investment & Devt. Agency	Nasarawa State Information Technology & Digital Economy Agency	National Association of Small Scale Industrialists; Nasarawa Chamber of Commerce, Mines & Agriculture; Mother & Childcare Enhancement Foundation	10,000,000	Jan-25	Dec-25
9	Development of external web portals for Local Government Areas	To showcase investment opportunities available in the Local Government Areas and enable members of the public to access vital information about local areas to enable them make informed investment decisions	i. Stakeholders' engagement with information officers and other relevant officers in the Local Government Areas ii. Collection of relevant data about each area. iii. Design and development of a web portal for the local government areas iv. Monitoring & evaluation of the deployment of the portals	Development of web portal to showcase investment opportunities in priority sectors and provide relevant information about the 13 Local Government Areas	Business owners & investors	Nasarawa State Information Technology & Digital Economy Agency	Nasarawa Investment & Devt. Agency	National Association of Small Scale Industrialists; Nasarawa Chamber of Commerce, Mines & Agriculture; Mother & Childcare Enhancement Foundation	17,000,000	Jan-25	Dec-25