

# Road Map to Prosperity, Growth and Development in Ekiti State

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# Rescue Ekiti from poverty 2007

## **Vision:**

Tackling Poverty, Creating Wealth,  
Restoring Dignity of the Ekiti person

## **Mission:**

An enriched Ekiti State where poverty is history

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# 1. Governance

1.1: Goal: To enhance democratic governance and accountability at all levels

1.2: Proposed actions

- A Citizens' Charter on Core Values, Good Governance and Service Delivery
- A Professional, well trained and highly motivated civil service
- An independent intellectual bank for policy formulation and implementation
- Elimination of waste and zero tolerance of graft in government operations
- Improvement of the internally generated revenue base of the state by 50%
- Democratisation of the governance process (Regular town and village meetings in communities and empowerment of citizens to monitor governance)
- Public participation in budget preparation and performance tracking
- Traditional institutions to be accorded appropriate advisory role in governance
- Provision of gainful employment to all Ekiti indigenes.
- Reduction in the percentage of those living below the poverty level from 70% to 20%
- Enhancement of the productive capacity and growth rate in Ekiti by 80% per annum
- Twinning arrangements with other states, regions and provinces around the world
- A clearly defined relationship between the State and Local Governments
- A Regional Integration Plan with South-Western states and cordial relationship with Federal authorities

# 2. Infrastructural Development

2.1: Goal: To establish optimum communities that will improve the quality of life of citizens and attract maximum investments - with provision of electricity, well maintained roads network, potable drinking water, affordable shelter and security for all Ekiti citizens.

2.2: Proposed actions

## Electricity

- Connection of Ekiti State to the National grid
- Access to alternative source of power generation (solar energy)
- Public private partnership in the establishment of independent power project

## Access to clean water

- By 2011 rural water supply in Ekiti will increase to 80% by making functional and accessible all water dams in the state.
- Effective and efficient distribution of water to houses and communities
- Irrigation schemes for the agriculture sector

## Improved road networks

- Making all parts of Ekiti accessible by 2011
- Rehabilitation and maintenance of existing road networks
- Construction of feeder roads to farming communities

## Information technology

- Global partnership for creating a wireless broad band in the state aimed at bridging the digital divide with particular focus on universities and distance learning centres

## Housing

- Enabling environment for property developers to invest in low and medium scale housing schemes.

## Security

- Focus on the youth and employment provision for young graduates  
Special focus on Citizens' led and community based security networks

# 3. Modernizing Agriculture

3.1: Goal: To make Agriculture a viable source of revenue and sustainable livelihood by ensuring suitable employment, food security, provision of industrial raw materials and poverty alleviation.

3.2: Proposed actions

- Revival of ageing farm settlements and co-operatives
- Improved rural access to farmsteads
- Public private partnerships in the agro allied industry
- Resuscitation of the cocoa plantations by 50%
- Encouragement of in school and out of school youths in agriculture.
- Recruitment of 20,000 Ekiti youths into agriculture and agro-allied industry by 2011
- Specially initiated public private partnership schemes on rice production (Nerica), cassava, cocoa and fruits
- Improvement of production and distribution of seeds, seedlets and seedlings.
- Measurable improvement of agricultural extension services.
- Revitalization of fishery, livestock and cattle rearing sub sectors.
- Subsidizing farm inputs to farmers.
- Special focus on provision of storage facilities
- Effective liaison with centers of excellence in agriculture IITA, CRIN etc
- Agriculture to contribute at least 50% of internal generated revenue.

# 4. Education & Development of Human Capital

4.1: Goal: To improve access to and quality of education in the 'fountain of knowledge' towards the creation and consolidation of a knowledge economy

4.2: Proposed actions

- Free and compulsory education for all Ekiti indigenes up to Senior Secondary School (increasing enrolment and reducing dropout rate)
- By 2011, provide a computer on every pupil's desk
- Special educational initiatives for the physically challenged
- Democratised ownership of educational institutions
- Revival of inspectorate divisions for effective monitoring and evaluation of school curriculum
- Establishment of Institute of information technology and recruitment of one thousand graduates (1,000 every year minimum of 6 months IT training) aimed at making Ekiti the outsourcing capital of Nigeria.
- Turning 'Brain Drain' to 'Brain Gain' through Ekiti Human Capital Diaspora Scheme
- Establishment of Sports Academy for the development of human capital
- Scholarship for indigent but promising students in tertiary institutions
- Global partnerships in educational development and exchange programmes.
- Increase state literacy level by 40% by 2011
- Provision of additional vocational and adult education schemes



## 5. Health Care Services

5.1: Goal: Prevention will be the key goal of Ekiti Health Service under our watch and we will seek to ensure the provision of holistic and comprehensive health care services and facilities for the people of Ekiti

### 5.2: Proposed actions

- Free medical services for indigenes up to age 18, pregnant women, physically challenged and those above 60 years.
- Establishment of primary healthcare centers in all localities with a population of 5,000 people or more
- Increase standard of all specialist hospitals in the state
- Reduce the prevalence of communicable diseases by 80% by 2011
- Special focus on Malaria, Tuberculosis, HIV-AIDS, Maternal and Child Mortality.
- All primary health centers, general and state specialist hospitals will be stocked with relevant and rare drugs
- Increase immunization coverage
- Eradicate all antigens e.g. measles, chicken pox e.t.c. by 80% in 2011
- Effective liaison with Ekiti health professionals in the diaspora

## 6. Industrial Development

6.1: Goal: To expand Ekiti's industrial base as a mechanism for increasing internal revenue and providing sustainable employment.

### 6.2: Proposed actions

- Ekiti to become an industrial corridor for the agro allied sector.
- Major focus on partnerships in the solid minerals sector
- Establishment of Technology and Industrial Parks for small and medium scale enterprises
- Expanded Rural Telecommunication Scheme
- A Diaspora Remittance Scheme for Industrial Development
- Public private partnership on tele-centres for outsourcing and information technology
- Provision of enterprise fund particularly for promising entrepreneurs
- Partnership with UNIDO, ADB and other relevant players in the Industrial sector

## 7. Tourism and Environmental Sustainability

7.1: Goal: To make Ekiti an attractive and competitive tourism choice in West Africa

### 7.2: Proposed actions

- Public Private Partnerships [PPP] in the development of Efon, Okemesi, Ikogosi, Ipole-Iloro Tourism corridor
- PPP in construction of an Heliport and world class hotel and accommodation facilities
- Global partnership with Nigerian Tourism Development Council, NEPAD and World Tourism Council
- Reforestation and afforestation of depleted resources
- Effective water management for environmental sustainability

## 8. Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

8.1: Goal: Promoting gender equality and empowering women by maximizing the potential of half of the population of Ekiti.

### 8.2: Proposed actions

- Gender mainstreaming in policy formulation and implementation in Ekiti State
- 70% increase in girl child education
- Gender equity in appointments and promotions in all governments entities with a minimum of 30% appointments and promotions for women in all cases
- A women specific community fund for self-development
- Eradication of discriminatory practices and policies which undermine women's development

