

ROLES OF DATA IN DEVT PLANNING PROCESS AT SUB-NATIONAL LEVEL IN NIGERIA

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CONCEPTS OF DATA & DEVT PLG

- **Data can be defined as “factual information used as basis for reasoning, discussion and/or calculation**
- **Devt planning is the conscious effort by a central authority to coordinate economic decision making and activities of all stakeholders (public, private, households, NGOs, CSOs, devt partners, etc) over the short, medium & long term in order to achieve specified desired development goals**

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MAIN ACTIVITIES OF DEVT PLG PROCESS

- **Review of Past Development Activities– Where are we and how did we get here? What are the outstanding devt challenges/new devt opportunities?**
- **Objective/Target Setting Activities– Where do we want to be in the Medium & Long Terms?**
- **Plan Formulation activities - How do we get there?**
- **Plan Implementation, monitoring activities – How are we doing?**
- **Plan Impact/Outcome assessment activities – What have we delivered?**

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- **Review of Past Development Activities – Where are we and how did we get here? What are the outstanding devt challenges/new devt opportunities?**
- **Historical data on key devt indicators help identify/determine**
 - **unfinished business of the past e.g unemployment, poverty, inequality, etc**
 - **Unintended (desirable & undesirable) consequences of past interventions eg. pollution, migration, conflicts and insecurity, etc**

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- **Devt Objectives/Target Setting Activities – Where do we want to be in the Medium & Long Term?**
- **Historical, current & projected data provide basis for articulating key devt objectives and setting realistic devt targets for the medium & long terms**

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- **Plan Formulation activities - How do we get there?**
 - **Credible, accurate, comprehensive and internally consistent Historical, current & projected data are critical to identifying and analyzing alternative courses of action as well as aiding choice of the most suitable and acceptable option and strategy**
 - **These are data analysis intensive activities involving rigorous formal and intuitive modeling exercises, comparator state/country analysis by planners and subject specialists in close consultation with top policy makers and other stakeholders**

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- **Plan Implementation, monitoring activities**

- **Formats & schedules for data collection on key implementation variables/indicators are normally embedded in the project, programs and policies Implementation processes as well as in implementation monitoring activities;**
- **Completion/population of these data collection formats/schedules are key components of the plan monitoring activities which may require regular visits to key projects/programmes sites by staff of Planning Ministry in collaboration with staff of implementing agencies**
- **The data collected are the basis for the monitoring reports which should guide consideration of capital budget allocation/releases of MDAs thus ensuring strong plan-budget link**

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- **Impact/Outcome assessment activities**
 - **Primary (survey/research) and secondary (internal administrative/national/ international) data are critical for plan impact/outcome evaluation and feedback thus providing guides to setting new development objectives/targets.**

Main Sources & Challenges of Data for Devt Planning at State Level in Nigeria

- **Internal Organizational Administrative Data - weak**
- **State level regular primary survey data - uncommon**
- **State level occasional studies often by researchers, devt partners, private sector organizations, etc – episodic and sparse**
- **State components of national primary survey data by NBS – irregularly/inappropriately used by state officials**
- **State disaggregated macro data collected by NBS – often controversial, contested and rarely used by State officials**

Concluding Remarks

- **In order to address some of the state level planning data challenges, State Statistical Agencies should:**
 - **Be properly established with enabling laws, well funded, well kitted in terms of equipment and technological capability,**
 - **Ensure that their staff are well incentivised, regularly trained and re-trained and empowered to undertake state level establishment, household and mixed surveys**
 - **Regularly hold joint training/capacity building activities with NBS and other State Statistical agencies in order to standardize and systematize statistical data collection, analysis, dissemination activities**
 - **Collaborate with NBS in national data collection activities to promote synergy, spatially consistent and bottom-up data collection activities and processes**

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