

The Ebonyi Story

Ebonyi State is a beneficiary of SPARC support through the ASK Help Desk. Through the ASK Help Desk we got support in key areas of governance reforms including policy and strategy as well as Monitoring & Evaluation, public financial management and public service reforms.

SPARC consultants utilized some of the governance tools produced by SPARC to train our staff on:

1. How to prepare State Development plans
2. How to prepare Medium Term Sector Strategies (MTSS)
3. How to prepare fiscal forecasts, and realistic budgets
4. How to strengthen the statistical and M&E capacity of the MDAs
5. How to produce service charters.

As a result, the State was able to:

1. Produce a State Development Plan with the participation of the political office holders of the state
2. Sector Strategies in 10 sectors (3 finalized and 7 in drafts)
3. Understand the usefulness of Medium Term fiscal framework
4. Domesticate the data revolution template in the state
5. Produce a maiden edition of the State's Statistical Newsletter
6. Train some Planning Officers on the use of MTSS in budgeting, etc.

Above all, SPARC in collaboration with the State Government held an induction retreat for the new Executive Council of the State, which helped in improving their appreciation of job of governance and development.

SPARC tools and resources remain reference materials for us in our day-to-day work as both public and civil servants in delivering public service to our people.