

Not All World Bank-Assisted Community And Social Development Projects Failed In Africa: Empirical Evidence From Ebonyi State, Nigeria, 2009-2016

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ABSTRACT

The majority of Nigeria's population lives in rural areas, where illiterate peasants make up over 60% of the population. These places lack the most basic infrastructure needed to support basic human requirements. The World Bank has implemented a number of intervention programmes to improve social services, improve infrastructure, eliminate poverty, and raise the literacy rate to meet this problem. Noteworthy among these interventions was their primary goal of assisting recipient countries in eradicating poverty by way of public goods and community-building infrastructure development. The study, therefore, appraise the impacts of World Bank assisted community and social development projects in Ebonyi State from 2009 to 2016. Primary and secondary data were used in the study. The study adopts descriptive technique and content analysis to analyse its data. The study reveals that, in spite the challenges associated with the implementation of these programmes, the World Bank-assisted community and social development projects has provided catalyst for the socio-economic development of rural areas in Ebonyi State during the period under review.

Keywords: World Bank-Assisted Community and Social Development Projects, World Bank, Ebonyi State, Nigeria.

Background to the Study

Nigeria faces numerous developmental obstacles, especially, in its rural areas where the majority of the population lives in poverty, suffers from illness, is unemployed, and has insufficient access to social services. Nigerian governments have prioritized rural and community development ever since independence. About thirty-seven community development and poverty reduction programmes were conducted in Nigeria between 1984 and 2002 in order to address the concerns of poverty and the provision of social services to communities. Nonetheless, it would seem that Nigeria's rural villages haven't experienced any substantial changes since they continue to be marked by widespread poverty, a lack of infrastructure and social amenities, and a high unemployment rate, among other issues (Mark, 2002:32). The efficient implementation and subsequent realization of community development programmes in Nigeria have been hampered by corruption and misappropriation at all levels of government. Likewise, the majority of community development initiatives implemented in Nigeria prioritize infrastructure development above other aspects of development (Mohammed 2002:26). Consequent upon the failure of these alleviation and community development programmes; the federal government adopted the Community and Social Development Projects as a strategy of addressing the socio-economic challenges faced by rural communities in the country.

In order to improve the accountability of local government areas for service delivery and to effectively target social amenities and developmental infrastructure at the community level, the Federal Government of Nigeria, the World Bank, and state governments collaborated to establish the Community and Social Development Project (CSDP), a Community Driven Development (CDD) intervention (Ojerind, 2014:14). The Community and Social Development Project's (CSDP) main goals are to improve local community capacity, assist communities in setting and implementing acceptable targets, and provide them with financial empowerment. The Ebonyi State Government established the Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB-CSDA) on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, through an Act (Law No. 004) of the Ebonyi State House of Assembly, in order to allow the communities in Ebonyi State to benefit from the aforementioned advantages (EB-CSDA) Operation Manuals, 2010, 21).

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Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB-CSDA) is a state government-owned community empowerment and poverty reduction project, assisted by the World Bank. Ebonyi State joined about twenty other states in Nigeria to qualify for the World Bank-assisted community and social development project on 1st April, 2009, after fulfilling all requisite conditions required (Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB-CSDA) Operation Manuals, 2010, 22). The first phase of the programme ended in 2016. This influenced the choice of 2009 to 2016 as the beginning and terminal date for this study. Upon establishment, the agency was tasked with duplicating and enhancing the state government's infrastructure development policy in rural communities throughout all thirteen local government districts of the state, in accordance with the project development goals of the CSDP.

According to Ezeali (2013: 38), the Local Empowerment and Environmental Management Project (LEEMP) and the Community-based Poverty Reduction Project (CPRP), two successful pilot projects, were harmonized and scaled up to become the Community and Social Development Project (CSDP). In the later, Ebonyi State took part. On April 1, 2009 in order to fulfil the project development goal of "to sustainably increase access of the poor to improved social and natural resource infrastructural services," new organizational structures and operational protocols were designed as part of the CSDP (Nkwede & Nwovu (2012:5).'' With such a strong broad objective, it became imperative that stakeholders at the different levels/components of the CSDP should be placed on a sound pedestal to understand their required responsibilities. Thus, the implementing Agency (EB-CSDA) organised the technical launch of the project at the state level from September 8th to 10th, 2009 (Nkwede & Nwovu (2012:6). The project technical launch was practically organized to sensitize the stakeholders on the modus operandi of the CSDP. It was also designed to explain the expected roles of stakeholders at the community level, including the election of Community Project Management Committees (CPMCs) and formulation of Community Development Plans (CDPs), among others, as the launch pad for the take-off of the project/intervention at the community level (Ezeali, 2013).

The project launch became a formal take-off of the CSDP in the State and a step towards sustained sensitization/awareness campaign to reach the thirteen (13) local government areas and one hundred and thirty-eight (138) gazetted autonomous communities in the state on the process of Community Development Plans (CDP) facilitation, formulation, appraisal, and approval. Following the sensitization/awareness campaign, the local government areas accepted the project which led to the establishment of functional Local Government Review Committees (LGRCs) and Local Government Development Offices (LGDOs) in each of the 13 local government areas of the state (Handelman, 2006:45).

It is imperative to note that Ebonyi State is fourth poorest in the country with a poverty headcount of 79.8% and unemployment rate of 40.3%. (Molokwu, Nwose & Alozie, 2023:84). Although many intervention programmes such as Community-Based Poverty Reduction Programme (CBPRP), Fadama I, II, and III Programmes, and other intervention programmes were introduced in the state to improve the standard of living of the populace, most communities have remained with little or no basic social amenities such as pipe borne water, educational facilities, electricity, healthcare facilities, employment opportunities, among others. Failures of the previous development programmes have triggered debate among scholars on the impacts of the World Bank intervention programmes. Against this backdrop, this study examines the World Bank assisted Community and Social Development Projects in Ebonyi State with a view to assess its contributions to the socio-economic development of rural communities in the thirteen local government areas in the state during the period under review.

Literature Review

Since the mid-1990s, Community Driven Development (CDD) has emerged as one of the fastest-growing investments by NGOs, aid organizations, and multilateral development banks (Ghazal

Vijayendra 2003:45). Consequently, many scholars have written on World Bank-assisted projects and community-driven development approaches to enhancing the social condition of rural communities. A few of the relevant study shall be reviewed herein.

Molokwu et al (2022:1-10) in “Official Development Assistance and the Third World Debt Crisis: Implication for Nigeria Educational Development, 1980-2015,” examine the impact of official development assistance, often referred to as foreign aid, on the educational sector in Nigeria. The study x-rayed data of intervention in the education sector by the World Bank, IMF, and other multilateral aid agencies operating in Nigeria between 1980 and 2015. Their study reveals that foreign aid has hurt the development of education in Nigeria during the period under review. One major shortcoming of their study is that it did not make Ebonyi State it focus. More so, while the study focuses alone on the education sector, the current study intends to examine the World Bank's intervention in other sectors in addition to the education sector.

Ezeali (2013), on the other hand, argues that the Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB CSDA) has not improved the standard of living of rural communities in Ebonyi State despite its community-driven development approach. This he attributed to inadequate funding, lack of competent technical staff, corruption and distrust among officials, poor citizen education, and inadequate information of the agency programmes, among others. Ezeali was able to point out the failures of Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB CSDA) in his work which will help this research work; he, however, failed to acknowledge the agency's giant strides and successes.

Iduma (2012) in “Capacity Building in Ebonyi State: The Role of Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency 2009 – 2011,” argues that many communities have not benefited from Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency due to lack of awareness, inadequate funds, intra and inter-communal crises and corrupt practices among officials. He recommends increases in sensitization and enlightenment programmes, provision of adequate funds, and appointment of honest and transparent leaders for effective implementation of projects by Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency. Iduma, in his work, made very nice points that will contribute to the success of this study; however, his findings do not reflect the reality the on ground.

Contradicting the position of Iduma, Okwuibe (2014) in “Impact of Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB-CSDA) on Sustainable Rural Development: A Study of Ezza North Local Government Area, 2009-2012,” argues that EB-CSDA has positively impacted rural communities in Ebonyi State. He, however, recommends adequate funding and expansion of its programmes for rapid grass-roots development. Okwuibe in his work was able to highlight the impact of Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB CSDA) on sustainable rural development which is important to this work; as it is part of the scope of this research, however, his work dwelled on Ezza North Local Government Area. The current study is wider in scope as we interrogate the World Bank interventions in the thirteen local government areas of the state.

Emmanuel, Nkwede, and Nwuzor (2017) in “World Bank-Assisted Community and Social Development Programme as Poverty Reduction Strategy: A Study of Rural Communities in Ebonyi State, Nigeria,” examines the World Bank-assisted community and social development programme as a strategy of reducing poverty in Ebonyi State. The study highlights the contributions of the World Bank-assisted community and social development programme piloted by the Ebony State Community and Social Development Agency. Findings from the study reveal that though, a whole lot of work still needs to be done in the area of poverty reduction; nevertheless, the World Bank and the Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB-CSDA) have contributed significantly to reducing the poverty level of the rural populace in the state. The study, however, was lacking in data to support its assumptions.

In “Sustainability of Rural Socio-Economic Development Programme and Poverty Reduction in Nigeria: A Study of Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB-CSDA) in Izzi Clan,” Nwankwo et al (2016) interrogated the level of multidimensional poverty in Izzi clan of Ebonyi state. They argued that the agency has positively impacted the community; nevertheless, the level of poverty is still pervasive in the community. The high poverty rate in Izzi was linked to the clan's reliance on subsistence farming, lack of help from the wealthy member of the community, non-exposure to Western education, and overpopulation arising from a lack of family planning, among others. The contributions of this paper to the current cannot be overemphasized. Firstly, it highlighted the level of multidimensional poverty in Ebonyi state, particularly, among the Izzi clan. Secondly, it attempted to highlight the major causes of poverty among the Izzi clan of Ebonyi; lastly, it x-rayed the contribution of the Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB CSDA) in poverty reduction in Ebonyi State. The major shortcoming of this work, however, was that it was limited to a particular clan in Ebonyi State. The current study intends to look beyond just the Izzi clan.

Udu, Nwoba, and Ibenwo (2021) assess the effect of World Bank-assisted projects and the socio-economic development of rural communities in Ebonyi State with a view of determining the effects of the Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB CSDA) micro-projects of reducing poverty, increased access to education, health care and portal water in rural communities. Data from the study reveals that there is a positive correlation between EB CSDA and the provision of social amenities and infrastructure in the study area. The study made no efforts to pinpoint projects executed anywhere in the state by the agency.

Nkwede, Nwovu, and Udu (2016) examine the administration of foreign aid and sustainable development using the World Bank-assisted projects on the universal basic education programme in Ebonyi State as a case study. The study highlights the role of the World Bank in helping to reduce poverty via education in the state. Findings from the study reveal that the World Bank made a tremendous positive impact in reducing illiteracy in the state. The authors, nevertheless, focus their attention just on an aspect of poverty or contributory factor to poverty. This present work is wider in scope.

Nkwede and Nwovu (2012) examine World Bank intervention in water supply in Nigeria through the community and social development agency of Ebonyi State. This is with a view of

ascertaining or assessing the impact of community social development programme micro-water projects on the socioeconomic well-being of the rural populace. The major contribution of this work to the current study lies in the fact that the work highlights the contribution of the World Bank in alleviating poverty in the state. Data from the study, however, shows that the water supply in the rural communities of Ebonyi State has not improved despite the World Bank intervention. It is the position of this paper that the lack of improvement of water supply in the state should not be attributed to the donor's intervention; rather, it should be placed on the doorstep of the government that failed to provide social amenities to its citizenry. Another major shortcoming of this work is that it is limited to World Bank intervention in water supply alone in the state, the current study intends to cover much more wide areas of intervention.

Ezeali, Uwadi, and Nwaokwu (2018) assess the activities of the Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB CSDA). The study highlights the critical role the agency has played and still playing in reducing poverty in the state, and the challenges prohibiting it from fulfilling its mandates. Their work reveals that the agency programmes were community driven and that the agency will achieve many more multi-sectoral projects with increased budgetary provision. The work, however, does not provide data to back its assumptions

Nkwede Joseph (2014), on his part, x-rayed the role of the Ebonyi State Community Based Reduction Agency (EB-CPRA) in the fight against poverty reduction in Ebonyi State. Adopting a review trend and analytical approach, the study reveals that the agency has significantly contributed to poverty reduction in the state through several community project interventions; nevertheless, much more still needs to be done in eradicating multidimensional poverty in the state. The study terminated in 2013 leaving behind interventions and challenges of the agencies that this study intends to cover.

The lacuna identified in the works reviewed herein is what the current study intends to fill. It will, among others, highlight the different World Bank-assisted community and social development projects in Ebonyi State from 2009 to 2016; evaluate the impact of World Bank-assisted projects executed by Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB-CSDA) between 2009 and 2016 in the thirteen local government areas of the state. Lastly, it will highlight the challenges militating against the effective implementation of the World Bank community and social development programmes in Ebonyi State during the period under review

Evaluation of World Bank Assisted Community and Social Development Projects in Ebonyi State, 2009-2016

The World Bank through the Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency(EB-CSDA) empowers communities to plan, part-finance, implement, monitor and maintain sustainable and socially inclusive multi-sectoral micro-projects such as construction and rehabilitation of roads, schools, culverts, bridges, boreholes, health facilities, potable water, rural electrification, classrooms, laboratories, VIP toilets, civic centres, water, transportation, vocational training centres, and drainages system, among others. This section evaluates World Bank projects

in the educational sector, human capital development, health care sector, and infrastructure in Ebonyi State.

Education has over the years remained one of the core areas of interest to the World Bank. This is because education has been proven to be one of the major ways to increase income for individuals and prosperity for whole societies. Ebonyi State is one of the states where World Bank projects in the educational sectors have been minimal. However, the prominent World Bank educational projects in the state include the Better Education Service Delivery for All (BESDA) Program-for-Results, and Nigeria-Universal Basic Education Project, among others. The Federal Government of Nigeria, with support from the World Bank, commenced the implementation of the Better Education Service Delivery for All (BESDA) programme in 17 states across the six geopolitical zones in the country. These states include Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Ebonyi, Gombe, Jigawa, Kebbi, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Niger, Oyo, Rivers, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe, and Zamfara States. The Ebonyi State Government launched BESDA on 19th August, 2019.

Ukoh (2019) reported that the sequel to the worries of out-of-school-children and the need to boost enrolment, the Ebonyi Government in collaboration with the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) and World Bank, recently launched the Better Education Service Delivery for All (BESDA). Through the programme, the government has been able to provide school uniforms, exercise books, and textbooks as well as free school meals to the children in the state.

Universal Basic Education (UBE) Project was another World Bank project in the Ebonyi State's educational sector. On 30th September, 1999, the Federal Government of Nigeria launched Universal Basic Education (UBE) to replace the former Universal Primary Education (Ojo, 2015: 37). UBE was a scheme and process of fulfilling the aim of Education for All (EFA) as endorsed at the World Conference on Education held in Jomtien in 1990 (Opoh, Okou, Ani 2015:1). According to the world conference on Education, basic education is made free and available to all, and sundry, thus emphasizing free access, equity, efficiency, literacy, numeracy, and lifelong skills for all.

The World Bank launched the project in 2002 to support the Government of Nigeria's plans to implement a programme to achieve Universal Basic Education (UBE). The objective of the project was to increase the capacity of states and local governments to manage and implement the UBE programme effectively and efficiently. It was also meant to assist states and local governments to establish and manage schools with local participation and to build capacity in critical skills such as budgeting, participatory planning, financial management, procurement, and project implementation (Opoh, Okou, Ani 2015:2). Ebonyi State was among the first sixteen states where this project was implemented. The World Bank in partnership with the Ebonyi State Government through the Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency has implemented many projects in the education sector in the thirteen local government areas of the state. Undoubtedly, these projects have contributed to increasing access, and provision of educational infrastructures such as classroom blocks, text, and training of teachers, among others. Below are the World Bank-assisted projects in the education sector undertaken in Ebonyi State by

Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB CSDA) during the period under review.

Table1: LIST OF APPROVED MICRO PROJECTS UNDER EDUCATION SECTOR FROM 2009 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2014 (CSDP-MAIN)

S/N	LGA	COMMUNITY NAME	MICRO PROJECTS	TOTAL PROJECT COST	AGENCY CONTRIBUTION (90%)	COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION (10%)	STATUS
1	Beakli ke	Amagu	Construction of a Pry. Sch. 4-Classroom Block with Desks	4,101,875.00	3,691,687.50	410,187.50	Completed
2	Abakaliki	Amagu-Izzi	Renovation of a Primary School 6-Classroom Block	1,800,000.00	1,620,000.00	180,000.00	Completed
3	Abakaliki	Azuoffia-Edda	A Secondary School 6-Classroom Block with Principal Office and Store	6,100,000.00	5,490,000.00	610,000.00	Completed
4	Abakaliki	Edda	A Secondary School 6-Classroom Block with Desk	5,760,000.00	5,184,000.00	576,000.00	Completed
5	Abakaliki	Enyigba	Examination Hall with 120 set of Desks	6,736,400.00	6,062,760.00	673,640.00	Completed
6	Abakaliki	Izzi-Unuphu	A Sec. Sch. 4-Classroom Block	5,000,000.00	4,500,000.00	500,000.00	Completed
7	Abakaliki	Ndiebor Amachi	An Examination Hall	4,900,000.00	4,410,000.00	490,000.00	Completed
8	Abakaliki	Ndiechi Amachi	An Examination Hall	4,918,670.00	4,426,803.00	491,867.00	Completed

9	Abakaliki	Ndiegu Amachi	A Sec. Sch. 6-Classroom Block, with VIP Toilets (2 Unit of 5 compartments each)	6,981,218.00	6,283,096.20	698,121.80	Completed
10	Afikpo North	Afikpo	A Sec. Sch. 6-Classroom Block with Principal's Office & Equipment	6,720,000.00	6,048,000.00	672,000.00	Completed
11	Afikpo North	Amasiri	Construction of Block of 4-Classroom and Two Laboratories	6,800,000.00	6,120,000.00	680,000.00	Completed
12	Afikpo North	Ibii-Ozizza	A Secondary School 4-Classroom Block with Furniture	4,350,000.00	3,915,000.00	435,000.00	Completed
13	Afikpo North	Ibii-Ozizza	Renovation/Extension of a Pry. Sch. 4-Classroom Block	4,584,000.00	4,125,600.00	458,400.00	Completed
14	Afikpo North	Nkpoghor	A Sec.Sch.4-Classroom Block & Furniture	4,350,000.00	3,915,000.00	435,000.00	Completed
15	Afikpo South	Ekoli-Edda	Completion of a Sec. Sch. 6-Classroom and Admin Block	8,200,000.00	7,380,000.00	820,000.00	Completed
16	Afikpo South	Nguzu Edda	Renovation of a 2 Sec. Sch. 6-Classroom Block & VIP	7,500,000.00	6,750,000.00	750,000.00	Completed

			toilets of 5 Units				
17	Afikpo South	Oso Edda	A Sec. Sch. Examination Hall & 120 sets of desks	4,160,000.00	3,744,000.00	416,000.00	Completed
18	Afikpo South	Ebiri-Edda	Completion of a Secondary School 4-Classroom Block	3,000,000.00	2,700,000.00	300,000.00	Cancelled
19	Ebonyi	Mbeke-Ishieke	A Secondary School 6-Classroom Block with Furniture	5,000,000.00	4,500,000.00	500,000.00	Completed
20	Ebonyi	Onueyim-Ishieke	A Secondary School Exam Hall	3,190,000.00	2,871,000.00	319,000.00	Completed
21	Ebonyi	Onueyim-Ishieke	Renovation of a Pry. Sch. 4-Classroom Block	1,523,793.00	1,371,413.70	152,379.30	Completed
22	Ezza North	Amuda	A Sec. Sch. 4-Classroom Block with 80 sets of Desks	4,740,000.00	4,266,000.00	474,000.00	Completed
23	Ezza North	Ekka	Renovation of a Primary School 5-Classroom Block.	3,001,600.00	2,701,440.00	300,160.00	Completed
24	Ezza South	Amaezekwe	Renovation of a Primary School 4-Classroom Block	750,000.00	675,000.00	75,000.00	Cancelled
25	Ezza South	Echara	A Pry. Sch. 6-Classroom Block, with VIP Toilet (1 Unit of	6,081,218.00	5,473,096.20	608,121.80	Completed

			5 compartments)				
26	Ezza South	Okoffia	Renovation of a Pry. Sch. 4-Classroom Block	4,096,320.00	3,686,688.00	409,632.00	Completed
27	Ikwo	Enyibichiri	A Sec. Sch. 6-Classroom Block, with Principal's office and VIP Toilet (1 Unit of 2 compartments)	6,290,000.00	5,661,000.00	629,000.00	Completed
28	Ikwo	Igbudu	Renovation of a Primary School 6-Classroom Block	2,365,500.00	2,128,950.00	236,550.00	Completed
29	Ishielu	Azuinyaba	Construction of Sec. School 6-Classroom Block	5,615,000.00	5,053,500.00	561,500.00	Completed
30	Ishielu	Obeagu	A Sec. Sch. 6-Classroom Block with VIP Toilets	6,760,000.00	6,084,000.00	676,000.00	Completed
31	Ishielu	Ohoffia-Agba	Sec. Sch Science Laboratory Block and Equipment	4,561,728.00	4,105,555.20	456,172.80	Completed
32	Ivo	Umoihe	A Sec. Sch. Examination Hall	3,703,161.00	3,332,844.90	370,316.10	Completed
33	Ivo	Umoihe	A Sec. Sch. 4-Classroom Block with 80 Desks	4,410,000.00	3,969,000.00	441,000.00	Completed
34	Ivo	Umoihe	Renovation of a Secondary	1,764,748.00	1,588,273.20	176,474.80	Completed

			School Science Laboratory				
35	Izzi	Agbaja	A Pry. Sch. 4-Classroom Block with 80 sets of desks	4,800,000.00	4,320,000.00	480,000.00	Completed
36	Izzi	Ezza-Inyimegu	Primary School 3- Classroom Block.	2,205,242.00	1,984,717.80	220,524.20	Completed
37	Ohaozara	Enu-Uburu	A Secondary School Examination hall with 60 Desks	4,680,000.00	4,212,000.00	468,000.00	Completed
38	Ohaozara	Etiti-Uburu	Completion of a Pry. Sch 6-Classroom Block Storey Building	3,682,759.00	3,314,483.10	368,275.90	Completed
39	Ohaozara	Etiti-Uburu	Completion of a Secondary School 6-Classroom Block	3,250,000.00	2,925,000.00	325,000.00	Completed
40	Ohaozara	Mgbom N' Achara	A Secondary School Examination hall with 60 Desks	4,202,848.00	3,782,563.20	420,284.80	Completed
41	Ohaozara	Umunuka	A Pry. Sch. 6-Classroom Block with 120 sets of desks	4,960,000.00	4,464,000.00	496,000.00	Completed
42	Ohaukwu	Amoffia	A Sec. Sch 6-Classroom Block & Furniture	4,525,860.00	4,073,274.00	452,586.00	Completed
43	Ohaukwu	Ogwawo	Construction of a Sec. Sch. Examination	7,500,000.00	6,750,000.00	750,000.00	Completed

		Hall and 120 sets of double Seats (240) with a toilet			
TOTAL			199,621,940.00	179,659,746.00	19,962,194.00
Source: Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency Report, 2014					

It is pertinent to note that between 2009 and 2014, the World Bank through the Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB CSDA) executed 43 educational projects in the thirteen local governments' areas of Ebonyi State. 41 of these projects were completed and commissioned; two were cancelled. The table below shows the distribution of the projects in among the thirteen local government areas of Ebony State.

Table 2: Sectoral distribution of MPs across 13 LGAs in Ebonyi State under CSDP-AF

S/N	LGA	Education
01	Abakaliki	09
02	Afikpo N.	05
03	Afikpo S.	04
04	Ebonyi	03
05	Ezza North	02
06	Ezza South	02
07	Ikwo	02
08	Ishielu	03
09	Ivo	03
10	Izzi	02
11	Ohaozara	05
12	Ohaukwu	02
13	Onicha	00
TOTAL		42

Source: Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency Report, 2014

Human capital development is critical in the development of any country. The Ebonyi State Community-Based Poverty Reduction Agency (EB-CPRA) was set up on 23rd August, 2005, as an autonomous body charged with the task of reducing poverty in the state (Nkwede, 2014: 157). EB-CPRA was established to function without undue interference, and with the mandate to improve the socio-economic conditions of Ebonyi people, particularly, the rural populace. The agency was to ensure that the rural population gets a fair share of at least 80% of government

funding for micro projects. By the design of the agency, communities should identify projects while EB-CPRA would select from the proposed projects by the benefiting communities through registered Community Development Associations. The Community Development Unions are usually composed of selected representatives including the chairman, secretary, women representative (usually the treasurer), youth leader, and the disabled as the case warrants.

EB-CPRA is rated high in meeting its mandate. Its success in the state may be ascribed to autonomous in implementing its projects, the involvement of civil society as board members; an improved motivation of the staff who were handsomely paid; and above all, the fact that there were no undue external interferences, particularly, from the politicians (Udu & Nwofoke, 2018). Below is the list of all projects executed by the World Bank in partnership with the Ebonyi State Government through the Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB CSDA) between 2009 and 2014.

List of Completed Micro Projects with Coordinates under Community and Social Development Project 2009 to 31st December 2014 (Csdp-Main)

S/ N	LGA	COMMUNITY NAME	MICRO PROJECTS	SECTOR	STATUS OF MPs
01	Abakali ki	Agbaja-Unuhu	Construction of Health Centre with Equipment	Health	Completed
02	Abakali ki	Agbaja-Unuhu	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (3Nos)	Water	Completed
03	Abakali ki	Alibaruhi Enyigba	Extension of Electricity (1.5km HT, using 1no 300kva Transformer and Reticulating a Distance of 1.5km LT)	Electricity	Completed
04	Abakali ki	Alibaruhi Enyigba	Construction of 3 Nos Ring Culverts	Transport	Completed
05	Abakali ki	Egugwu Agbaja Unuphu	Grading of 1.3km Access Road with Box Culvert (2nos) & a Slab	Transport	Completed
06	Abakali ki	Egugwu Agbaja Unuphu	Drilling & Installation of Hand Pump Water Borehole (1 no)	Water	Completed
07	Abakali ki	Egwudinagu	Motorized Borehole with Reticulation	Water	Completed

08	Abakali ki	Egwudinagu	Construction of Primary School 6-Classroom Block	Education	Completed
09	Abakali ki	Ephuenyim	Construction of Town Hall	Socio- Economics	Completed
10	Abakali ki	Ephuenyim	A Hand Pump Water Borehole	Water	Completed
11	Abakali ki	Indigent Widows and Vulnerable Group, Onyikwa Amachi	Construction of a Civic and Skill Acquisition Centre and Equipment	Socio- Economics	Completed
12	Abakali ki	Indigent Widows and Vulnerable Group, Onyikwa Amachi	Drilling of a Hand Pump Borehole	Water	Completed
13	Abakali ki	Indigent Widows Organization Agalegu Amachi Groups	Construction of Skill Acquisition Centre with Basic Equipment	Socio- Economics	Completed
14	Abakali ki	Indigent Widows Organization Agalegu Amachi Groups	Drilling & installation of a Hand Pump Water Borehole (1No)	Water	Completed
15	Abakali ki	Ndiagu Enyigba	Grading of 9.38km Earth Road & construction of (6Nos) Ring Culverts of 600mm Diameter	Transport	Completed
16	Abakali ki	Ndiagu Enyigba	Extension of Electricity (1.5km with 30 Poles)	Electricity	Completed
17	Abakali ki	Ndiebor Amachi	Extension of Electricity with a Transformer	Electricity	Completed
18	Abakali ki	Ndiebor Amachi	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (3nos)	Water	Completed
19	Abakali ki	Ndiechi Amachi	Extension of Electricity with a Transformer	Electricity	Completed
20	Abakali ki	Ndiechi Amachi	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (2nos)	Water	Completed
21	Abakali ki	Ndiegu-Amachi	Completion of Civic Centre	Socio- Economics	Completed
22	Abakali ki	Ndiegu-Amachi	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (1nos)	Water	Completed

23	Abakali ki	Ndudara	Construction of Double Cell Mini-Bridge	Transport	Completed
24	Abakali ki	Ndudara	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (2Nos)	Water	Completed
25	Abakali ki	Omakorie	Construction of a Primary School 6-Classroom Block	Education	Completed
26	Abakali ki	Omakorie	Construction of Mini- Bridge and Grading of Road	Transport	Completed
27	Abakali ki	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Achara Unuhu	Renovation of a Building for Old People Home and Fencing	Socio- Economics	Completed
28	Abakali ki	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Achara Unuhu	Drilling of a Hand Pump Borehole	Water	Completed
29	Afikpo North	Akpoha	Construction of 2 Blocks of Lock-up Stall of 20 Units each	Socio- Economics	Completed
30	Afikpo North	Akpoha	Rehabilitation of Existing Bridge	Transport	Completed
31	Afikpo North	Amaokwe-Ezeke- Amasiri	Upgrading to a Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
32	Afikpo North	Amaokwe-Ezeke- Amasiri	Construction of Rest House	Socio- Economics	Completed
33	Afikpo North	Amaokwe-Ezeke- Amasiri	Construction of Culvert a & Concrete Overlay	Transport	Completed
34	Afikpo North	Amaokwe-Ezeke- Amasiri	Construction of Skill Acquisition Centre	Socio- Economics	Completed
35	Afikpo North	Amata-Akpoha	Rehabilitation of Road	Transport	Completed
36	Afikpo North	Amata-Akpoha	Drilling of a Motorized Water Borehole	Water	Completed
37	Afikpo North	Ibii-Ozizza	Construction of Civic Centre	Socio- Economics	Completed
38	Afikpo North	Ibii-Ozizza	Road Rehabilitation	Transport	Completed
39	Afikpo North	Ndukwe	Construction of Motorized Borehole (2Nos)	Water	Completed

40	Afikpo North	Ndukwe	Construction of Civic Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed
41	Afikpo North	Ngodo	Construction of Civic Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed
42	Afikpo North	Ngodo	Construction of VIP Toilet	Environment	Completed
43	Afikpo North	Ohaisu	Construction of Civic Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed
44	Afikpo North	Ohaisu	Completion of Market Stalls	Socio-Economics	Completed
45	Afikpo North	Ohaisu	Road Rehabilitation	Transport	Completed
46	Afikpo North	Opi Amasiri	Construction of Town Hall	Socio-Economics	Completed
47	Afikpo North	Opi Amasiri	Grading of 2.2km Farm Road with a Ring Culvert	Transport	Completed
48	Afikpo North	Ukpa	Construction of a Town Hall	Socio-Economics	Completed
49	Afikpo North	Ukpa	Construction of a VIP Toilet	Environment	Completed
50	Afikpo North	Ukpa	Drilling of a Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
51	Afikpo North	Unwana	Grading & Lateriting of 500m Road with Mini Bridge and Ring Culvert	Transport	Completed
52	Afikpo North	Unwana	Drilling of Motorized Borehole (2nos) with 2000 litres Overhead Tank	Water	Completed
53	Afikpo North	Unwana 2	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
54	Afikpo North	Unwana 2	Equipping of Existing Health Centre	Health	Completed
55	Afikpo North	Unwara Widows, Unwana	Construction of a Block of 13 Lock-Up shops with a Toilet	Socio-Economics	Completed
56	Afikpo North	Unwara Widows, Unwana	Drilling of a Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed

57	Afikpo South	Amangwu-Edda	Grading of 6km Road & Construction of Culvert (8Nos)	Transport	Completed
58	Afikpo South	Amangwu-Edda	Grading of 6km Farm Road	Transport	Completed
59	Afikpo South	Amangwu-Edda	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
60	Afikpo South	Amato	Renovation of a Town Hall	Socio-Economics	Completed
61	Afikpo South	Amato	Construction of a Health Centre and Procurement of Basic Health Equipment and Drugs of (₦50,000)	Health	Completed
62	Afikpo South	Ebunwana	Renovation of Sec. Sch. Science Lab.	Education	Completed
63	Afikpo South	Ebunwana	Renovation and Equiping of Health Centre	Health	Completed
64	Afikpo South	Ofu-Obi Widows Assembly, Ezi Edda	Construction of 2 Blocks of Open Market Stalls (10 Units each)	Socio-Economics	Completed
65	Afikpo South	Ofu-Obi Widows Assembly, Ezi Edda	Construction of 4 Cells of VIP Toilet	Environment	Completed
66	Afikpo South	Ofu-Obi Widows Assembly, Ezi Edda	Drilling of a Motorized Borehole with a Solar Panel	Water	Completed
67	Afikpo South	Umunna	Construction of Civic Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed
68	Afikpo South	Umunna	Grading of 800m Farm Road	Transport	Completed
69	Ebonyi	Aboffia	Construction of Town Hall	Socio-Economics	Completed
70	Ebonyi	Aboffia	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
71	Ebonyi	Agalegu-Ishieke	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
72	Ebonyi	Agalegu-Ishieke	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole	Water	Completed
73	Ebonyi	Akunna Aged Widows & Orhpans	Construction of a Skill Acquisition Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed

74	Ebonyi	Akunna Aged Widows & Orhpans	Drilling of a Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
75	Ebonyi	Ede-Ogbala	Construction of Bridge	Transport	Completed
76	Ebonyi	Ede-Ogbala	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (1no)	Water	Completed
77	Ebonyi	Ede-Ogbala 2	Grading of 3km Road and Rehabilitation of One Box Culvert	Transport	Completed
78	Ebonyi	Ede-Ogbala 2	Drilling of a Hand Pump Water Borehole	Water	Completed
79	Ebonyi	Ikelagu Ishieke	Completion of School Block with Hostel	Education	Completed
80	Ebonyi	Ikelagu Ishieke	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (1No.)	Water	Completed
81	Ebonyi	Ishieke	Construction of 6-Classroom Block with Principal's Office	Education	Completed
82	Ebonyi	Ishieke	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (1no)	Water	Completed
83	Ebonyi	Isophumini Ishieke	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
84	Ebonyi	Isophumini Ishieke	Drilling of a Hand Pump Borehole	Water	Completed
85	Ebonyi	Mbeke Ishieke	Grading of 14km Farm Road with (4nos) Ring Culvert of 600mm Diameter	Transport	Completed
86	Ebonyi	Mbeke Ishieke	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (2no)	Water	Completed
87	Ebonyi	Mbeke Ishieke 2	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
88	Ebonyi	Mbeke Ishieke 2	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (1 no)	Water	Completed
89	Ebonyi	Ndiebor-Ishieke	Construction of 10 KM Earth Road & Culverts (8 Nos,)	Transport	Completed
90	Ebonyi	Ndiebor-Ishieke	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (1No.)	Water	Completed
91	Ebonyi	Nkaleke Echara	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
92	Ebonyi	Nkaleke Echara	Construction of a Culvert	Transport	Completed

93	Ebonyi	Nkaleke-Echara Ndiebor	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
94	Ebonyi	Nkaleke-Echara Ndiebor	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (2Nos)	Water	Completed
95	Ebonyi	Nkaleke-Echara Ndiegu	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
96	Ebonyi	Nkaleke-Echara Ndiegu	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (2Nos)	Water	Completed
97	Ebonyi	Nkaleke-Echara Ndiegu 2	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
98	Ebonyi	Nkaleke-Echara Ndiegu 2	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole	Water	Completed
99	Ebonyi	Nkaleke-Echara Unuphu	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
100	Ebonyi	Nkaleke-Echara Unuphu	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole	Water	Completed
101	Ebonyi	Obeagu Ede Echara	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
102	Ebonyi	Obeagu Ede Echara	Drilling of a Hand Pump Water Borehole	Water	Completed
103	Ebonyi	Obeagu Ede Echara	Grading of 500M Earth Road	Transport	Completed
104	Ebonyi	Oguzoronweya	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (8Nos)	Water	Completed
105	Ebonyi	Oguzoronweya	Construction of Box Culverts (5Nos)	Transport	Completed
106	Ebonyi	Ohageleode-Ishieke	Extension of 3.7KVA Electricity	Electricity	Completed
107	Ebonyi	Ohageleode-Ishieke	Drilling & Installation of a Hand Pump Water Borehole (1No)	Water	Completed
108	Ebonyi	Okaruobi Ishieke Widows Group	Construction of 10 Rooms (two face) Lock-Up Shops with Two Compartments VIP Toilets.	Socio-Economics	Completed
109	Ebonyi	Okaruobi Ishieke Widows Group	Drilling & Installation of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (8nos)	Water	Completed

110	Ebonyi	Onuenyim Agalegu Ishieke	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
111	Ebonyi	Onuenyim Agalegu Ishieke	Construction of a Ring Culvert	Transport	Completed
112	Ebonyi	Zion Wives Widows - Nkaleke Echara Unuphu	Residential Building	Socio-Economics	Completed
113	Ebonyi	Zion Wives Widows - Nkaleke Echara Unuphu	Drilling of Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
114	Ezza North	Chidimma Poor Widows	Construction of a Skill Acquisition Centre & Equipment	Socio-Economics	Completed
115	Ezza North	Chidimma Poor Widows	Drilling & Installation of Hand Pump Borehole (1No.)	Water	Completed
116	Ezza North	Ekka	Construction of Town Hall	Socio-Economics	Completed
117	Ezza North	Ekka	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
118	Ezza North	Ekwetekwe/Ogbuin yagu	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
119	Ezza North	Ekwetekwe/Ogbuin yagu	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole	Water	Completed
120	Ezza North	Nkomoro	Extension of Electricity with Installation of 300KVA Transformer owned by Community	Electricity	Completed
121	Ezza North	Nkomoro	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (2nos)	Water	Completed
122	Ezza North	Ofuobi Disable People	Construction of a Skill Acquisition Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed
123	Ezza North	Ofuobi Disable People	Drilling of one Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
124	Ezza North	Oganiru Bunkeanyi Widows, Aged & Orphans	Construction of a Skill Acquisition Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed
125	Ezza North	Oganiru Bunkeanyi Widows, Aged & Orphans	Drilling of one Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed

12 6	Ezza North	Ogboji	Construction of Town Hall	Socio- Economics	Completed
12 7	Ezza North	Ogboji	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
12 8	Ezza North	Okaleru	Construction of 2 Mini Bridges	Transport	Completed
12 9	Ezza North	Okaleru	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (2Nos)	Water	Completed
13 0	Ezza North	Okposhi Umuoghara	Construction of Town Hall	Socio- Economics	Completed
13 1	Ezza North	Okposhi Umuoghara	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (2nos)	Water	Completed
13 2	Ezza North	Oriuzor	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
13 3	Ezza North	Oriuzor	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole	Water	Completed
13 4	Ezza North	Oshiegbe	Construction of 3 Blocks of Open Market Stall of 20 unit each & VIP Toilet for Male & Female	Socio- Economics	Completed
13 5	Ezza North	Oshiegbe	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
13 6	Ezza North	St. Jude's Widows and Widowers Vulnerable Group	Construction of Skill Acquisition Centre with Basic Equipment	Socio- Economics	Completed
13 7	Ezza North	St. Jude's Widows and Widowers Vulnerable Group	Drilling & Installation of Overhead Tank Motorized Water Borehole with of 5000 litres.	Water	Completed
13 8	Ezza North	Umuezekoha	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
13 9	Ezza North	Umuezekoha	Renovation of Sec School 4-Classroom Block	Education	Completed
14 0	Ezza North	Umuezeoka	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
14 1	Ezza North	Umuezeoka	Construction of 900mm Double Cell Ring Culvert	Transport	Completed

14 2	Ezza South	Amaezekwe	Construction of a 6- Classroom Block with Head Master's Office	Education	Completed
14 3	Ezza South	Amaezekwe	Construction of a Mini Bridge	Transport	Completed
14 4	Ezza South	Amagu Ezza	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
14 5	Ezza South	Amagu Ezza	Construction of Open Market Stalls (20 nos)	Socio- Economics	Completed
14 6	Ezza South	Ameka	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
14 7	Ezza South	Ameka	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole (2nos) and a Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
14 8	Ezza South	Amudo	Extension of Electricity with LT span of 1.4Km	Electricity	Completed
14 9	Ezza South	Amudo	Construction of a Town Hall	Socio- Economics	Completed
15 0	Ezza South	Destiny Indigent Assembly, Idembia	Construction of a Health Centre and Basic Equipment	Health	Completed
15 1	Ezza South	Destiny Indigent Assembly, Idembia	Drilling of a Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
15 2	Ezza South	Destiny Indigent Assembly, Idembia	Construction of a Health Centre and Basic Equipment	Health	Completed
15 3	Ezza South	Destiny Indigent Assembly, Idembia	Drilling of a Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
15 4	Ezza South	Ezzama	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
15 5	Ezza South	Ezzama	Fencing of Civic Centre	Socio- Economics	Completed
15 6	Ezza South	Ihotor	Construction of Mini- Bridge	Transport	Completed
15 7	Ezza South	Ihotor	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole	Water	Completed
15 8	Ezza South	Ikwuato-Idembia	Completion of Sec., Sch. 4-Classroom Block	Education	Completed

159	Ezza South	Ikwuato-Idembia	Extension of Electricity with LT span of 2.25Km	Electricity	Completed
160	Ezza South	Ndufu Amalekwuna Ameka	Extension of Electricity (2km)	Electricity	Completed
161	Ezza South	Ndufu Amalekwuna Ameka	Construction of Health Centre with Basic Equipment	Health	Completed
162	Ezza South	Okoffia	Construction of a Box Culvert of 3m x 3m x 10m	Transport	Completed
163	Ezza South	Okoffia	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (2nos)	Water	Completed
164	Ezza South	Okoffia Oworike	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
165	Ezza South	Okoffia Oworike	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (1No)	Water	Completed
166	Ezza South	Umunwagu – Idembia	Construction of Examination Hall	Education	Completed
167	Ezza South	Umunwagu – Idembia	Construction of Mini Bridge	Transport	Completed
168	Ikwo	Agalegu Idoma	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
169	Ikwo	Agalegu Idoma	Construction of Culvert	Transport	Completed
170	Ikwo	Echalike Widows & Vulnerable Children Group	Construction of a Storey Building Lock-up Shops (16 Units) & VIP Toilet	Socio-Economics	Completed
171	Ikwo	Echalike Widows & Vulnerable Children Group	Drilling of a Hand Pump Water Borehole	Water	Completed
172	Ikwo	Echi-Alike	Rehabilitation of Pond (2Nos)	Environment	Completed
173	Ikwo	Echi-Alike	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
174	Ikwo	Ekpa-omaka	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
175	Ikwo	Ekpa-omaka	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (2Nos)	Water	Completed
176	Ikwo	Enyibichiri	Construction of Double Cell Mini-Bridge	Transport	Completed

177	Ikwo	Enyibichiri	Construction of Pond	Environment	Completed
178	Ikwo	Enyimchukwu	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
179	Ikwo	Enyimchukwu	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole	Water	Completed
180	Ikwo	Ettam-Okpuitumo	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
181	Ikwo	Ettam-Okpuitumo	Grading of 4.1Km Farm Road	Transport	Completed
182	Ikwo	Item Amagu	Construction of Town Hall	Socio-Economics	Completed
183	Ikwo	Item Amagu	Drilling of Motorized Borehole (1no.)	Water	Completed
184	Ikwo	Ndegu-Echara	Extension of Electricity with Installation of 2 of 300KVA Transformers owned by Community	Electricity	Completed
185	Ikwo	Ndegu-Echara	Grading of 2.2Km Farm Road with Ring Culvert	Transport	Completed
186	Ikwo	Ndiegu Amagu Widows & Vulnerable Children	Equipment Of an existing Health Centre	Health	Completed
187	Ikwo	Ndiegu Amagu Widows & Vulnerable Children	Construction of 24 Open Market Stalls	Socio-Economics	Completed
188	Ikwo	Ndufu Alike	Construction of 3 Blocks of Open Market Stall of 20 Units each, etc.	Socio-Economics	Completed
189	Ikwo	Ndufu Alike	Construction of Mini Bridge	Transport	Completed
190	Ikwo	Ndufu Echara	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
191	Ikwo	Ndufu Echara	Construction of Culvert	Transport	Completed
192	Ikwo	Ndufu Igbudu	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed

19 3	Ikwo	Ndufu Igbudu	Construction of a Box Culvert of 8m x 1.5 x 1.5m Size	Transport	Completed
19 4	Ikwo	Ndufu-Amagu	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
19 5	Ikwo	Ndufu-Amagu	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole	Water	Completed
19 6	Ikwo	Noyo-Alike	Construction of a Block of 20 Open Market Shops	Socio-Economics	Completed
19 7	Ikwo	Noyo-Alike	Rehabilitation of Pond	Water	Completed
19 8	Ikwo	Noyo-Alike	Grading of Earth Road	Transport	Completed
19 9	Ikwo	Obegu Elegu Widows & Vulnerable Children	Construction of 20 Lock-up Stalls	Socio-Economics	Completed
20 0	Ikwo	Obegu Elegu Widows & Vulnerable Children	Drilling of one Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
20 1	Ikwo	Ohatekwe Ndufu-Amagu	Construction of a Health Centre and Basic Equipment	Health	Completed
20 2	Ikwo	Ohatekwe Ndufu-Amagu	Drilling of a Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
20 3	Ikwo	The Lord Our Helper Widows	Construction of 15 Lock-up Stalls	Socio-Economics	Completed
20 4	Ikwo	The Lord Our Helper Widows	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole (1No.)	Water	Completed
20 5	Ikwo	The Lord Our Strength Group	Construction of Lock-Up Shops (20 Units) and VIP Toilets Compartment	Socio-Economics	Completed
20 6	Ikwo	The Lord Our Strength Group	Drilling & Installation of a Hand pump Water Borehole (1No)	Water	Completed
20 7	Ikwo	Widows Of Like Mind	Construction of Skill Acquisition Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed
20 8	Ikwo	Widows Of Like Mind	Drilling of a Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed

209	Ishielu	Amata Women and Vulnerable, Logbo-Lokpo	Construction of Lock -Up Shops (2 Blocks of 6 units each) and a VIP Toilet of 2 Cells	Socio-Economics	Completed
210	Ishielu	Amata Women and Vulnerable, Logbo-Lokpo	Drilling of a Motorized Borehole with Solar Panel	Water	Completed
211	Ishielu	Biledaba-Ntezi	Construction Primary School 4-Classroom Block with 80 Desks	Education	Completed
212	Ishielu	Biledaba-Ntezi	Drilling & installation of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (3Nos)	Water	Completed
213	Ishielu	Biledaba-Ntezi 2	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
214	Ishielu	Biledaba-Ntezi 2	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole (10 nos)	Water	Completed
215	Ishielu	Ezillo	Construction of Secondary School 6-Classroom Block	Education	Completed
216	Ishielu	Ezillo	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole	Water	Completed
217	Ishielu	Ezza Umuhali	Construction of Civic Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed
218	Ishielu	Ezza Umuhali	Pond Rehabilitation	Socio-Economics	Completed
219	Ishielu	God Our Strenght Widows, Nkalaha	Construction of 2 Blocks of Lock-Up Shops, 10 nos each.	Socio-Economics	Completed
220	Ishielu	God Our Strenght Widows, Nkalaha	Construction of a VIP Toilet of 4 Compartments	Environment	Completed
221	Ishielu	God Our Strenght Widows, Nkalaha	Equiping of Skill Acquisition Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed
222	Ishielu	Iyonu	Construction of Town Hall	Socio-Economics	Completed
223	Ishielu	Iyonu	Construction of Culvert	Transport	Completed
224	Ishielu	Nkalagu	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed

225	Ishielu	Nkalagu	Construction of Primary School Headmaster's office	Education	Completed
226	Ishielu	Nkalaha	Grading of 5.018km Earth Road & 4 nos Box Culverts	Transport	Completed
227	Ishielu	Nkalaha	Construction of a VIP Toilet of 2-Compartments	Environment	Completed
228	Ishielu	Obodo-Aba Obeagu	Grading of Earth Road	Transport	Completed
229	Ishielu	Obodo-Aba Obeagu	Drilling of Hand Pump Boreholes (2 nos)	Water	Completed
230	Ishielu	Ohofia Agba	Construction of 2 Blocks of 20 Open Market Stalls each with VIP Toilet	Socio-Economics	Completed
231	Ishielu	Ohofia Agba	Drilling of 6nos. Hand Pump Borehole	Water	Completed
232	Ishielu	Okpoto	Extension of Electricity with 500KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
233	Ishielu	Okpoto	Grading of 6km Farm Road	Transport	Completed
234	Ishielu	Umozoke Poor Widows, Ezillo	Residential Building with VIP Toilet & Kitchen for IDPs	Socio-Economics	Completed
235	Ishielu	Umozoke Poor Widows, Ezillo	Drilling of a Hand Pump Borehole	Water	Completed
236	Ivo	Akaeze	Construction of Primary School 4-Classroom Block with Headmaster's office	Education	Completed
237	Ivo	Akaeze	Completion of Civic Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed
238	Ivo	Ngwogwo	Construction of Health Centre	Health	Completed
239	Ivo	Ngwogwo	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (2No)	Water	Completed
240	Ivo	Okue	Construction and Fencing of Two Bedroom Hospital Staff Quarters	Health	Completed

24 1	Ivo	Okue	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
24 2	Ivo	Peace City Widows and Vulnerable Group	Construction of Lock-Up Shops (8 Units) with VIP Toilets of Two Compartments	Socio-Economics	Completed
24 3	Ivo	Peace City Widows and Vulnerable Group	Drilling & installation of a Motorized Borehole with Overhead Tank of 5000 Litres Capacity	Water	Completed
24 4	Ivo	Umoihe	Construction of Secondary School Staff Qtrs	Education	Completed
24 5	Ivo	Umoihe	Equipping Science Laboratory	Education	Completed
24 6	Ivo	Umoihe	Construction of a VIP Toilet of 6-Compartment	Environment	Completed
24 7	Izzi	Chukwu Ebuka Widows – Agbaja	Construction of Health Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed
24 8	Izzi	Chukwu Ebuka Widows – Agbaja	Drilling of Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
24 9	Izzi	Egegbe	Construction of 24 Units of Lock-up Shops with VIP Toilet	Socio-Economics	Completed
25 0	Izzi	Egegbe	Drilling & Installation of Hand Pump Borehole (2Nos.)	Water	Completed
25 1	Izzi	Egwegbe	Extension of Electricity with Transformer	Electricity	Completed
25 2	Izzi	Egwegbe	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (2nos.)	Water	Completed
25 3	Izzi	Igbeagu	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
25 4	Izzi	Igbeagu	Construction of a Box Culvert	Transport	Completed
25 5	Izzi	Mgbo Agbaja Vulnerable Persons	Construction of Skill Acquisition Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed
25 6	Izzi	Mgbo Agbaja Vulnerable Persons	Drilling & installation of a Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed

25 7	Izzi	Mkpuma-Akpatakpa	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
25 8	Izzi	Mkpuma-Akpatakpa	Construction of a Culvert	Transport	Completed
25 9	Izzi	Ndiachi Ndiebor Ezzainyimegu	Solar Powered Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
26 0	Izzi	Ndiachi Ndiebor Ezzainyimegu	Drilling of Motorized Borehole (2 nos)	Water	Completed
26 1	Izzi	Ndiadza Ndieze	Extension of Electricity (2.75km)	Electricity	Completed
26 2	Izzi	Ndiadza Ndieze	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (3nos.)	Water	Completed
26 3	Izzi	Ndiadza Ndieze	Grading of 3.5km Farm Road and 600mm Square Culvert	Transport	Completed
26 4	Izzi	Ndiechi-Ezzainyimagu	Extension of Electricity with LT span of 8.6km	Electricity	Completed
26 5	Izzi	Ndiechi-Ezzainyimagu	Grading of 2km Farm Road	Transport	Completed
26 6	Izzi	Ndieze –Enyim	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole (13 Nos.)	Water	Completed
26 7	Izzi	Ndieze –Enyim	Construction of Culverts	Transport	Completed
26 8	Izzi	Ndieze-Echi	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
26 9	Izzi	Ndieze-Echi	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole (1 No.)	Water	Completed
27 0	Izzi	Ndubuisi Indigent Widows – Iboko	Construction of Lock-up Shops	Socio-Economics	Completed
27 1	Izzi	Ndubuisi Indigent Widows – Iboko	Drilling of Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
27 2	Izzi	Oferekpe Agbaja	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
27 3	Izzi	Oferekpe Agbaja	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (1no)	Water	Completed
27 4	Izzi	Oferekpe Agbaja 2	Supply and Installation of 300kva, 33/0.45kv Transformer and Extension	Electricity	Completed

			of Electricity Covering 4.5km LT Reticulation		
27 5	Izzi	Oferekpe Agbaja 2	Drilling of a Hand Pump Borehole	Water	Completed
27 6	Izzi	Ogadimma People With Special Ability - Ndiechi Ezza Inyimegu	Construction of Market Stalls	Socio- Economics	Completed
27 7	Izzi	Ogadimma People With Special Ability - Ndiechi Ezza Inyimegu	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole (1No.)	Water	Completed
27 8	Izzi	Okpoduma Agbaja	Grading of 5.018km Earth Road & Ring Culverts	Transport	Completed
27 9	Izzi	Okpoduma Agbaja	Drilling of 7 Nos. Hand Pump Borehole	Water	Completed
28 0	Izzi	Oswanka Inyimagu	Construction of a Mini Bridge	Transport	Completed
28 1	Izzi	Oswanka Inyimagu	Drilling of a Hand Pump Borehole	Water	Completed
28 2	Izzi	Ugwubumma Women Indigent - Offia Nka	Construction of Lock-up Shops	Socio- Economics	Completed
28 3	Izzi	Ugwubumma Women Indigent - Offia Nka	Drilling of Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
28 4	Ohaoza ra	Amenu-Okposi	Completion of Town Hall	Socio- Economics	Completed
28 5	Ohaoza ra	Amenu-Okposi	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (1No)	Water	Completed
28 6	Ohaoza ra	Amenu-Uburu	Construction of Civic Centre	Environmen t	Completed
28 7	Ohaoza ra	Amenu-Uburu	Drilling of a Hand Pump Water Borehole	Water	Completed
28 8	Ohaoza ra	Chichetam Welfare Association - Okposi Okwu	Construction of Market Stalls	Socio- Economics	Completed
28 9	Ohaoza ra	Chichetam Welfare Association - Okposi Okwu	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole (1No.)	Water	Completed

29 0	Ohaoza ra	Chukwubuikem Widows Association	Construction of 30 Units of Lock-up Stalls	Socio- Economics	Completed
29 1	Ohaoza ra	Chukwubuikem Widows Association	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole (1No.)	Water	Completed
29 2	Ohaoza ra	Enu-Uburu	Construction of Town Hall	Socio- Economics	Completed
29 3	Ohaoza ra	Enu-Uburu	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole	Water	Completed
29 4	Ohaoza ra	Enu-Uburu 2	Solar Powered Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
29 5	Ohaoza ra	Enu-Uburu 2	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (2nos)	Water	Completed
29 6	Ohaoza ra	Mebiokpa	Construction of 4- Classroom Block	Education	Completed
29 7	Ohaoza ra	Mebiokpa	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
29 8	Ohaoza ra	Mebi-Owa	Construction of Town Hall	Socio- Economics	Completed
29 9	Ohaoza ra	Mebi-Owa	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
30 0	Ohaoza ra	Mgbom N'achara 2	Extension of Electricity to Cover 150 spans of Existing LT Poles and 45 Spans without Existing LT Poles	Electricity	Completed
30 1	Ohaoza ra	Mgbom N'achara 2	Construction of Box Culvert (2 Nos) 6m X 2m	Transport	Completed
30 2	Ohaoza ra	Mgbom- Ugwulangwu	Construction of Lock-up shops (3 Blocks of 10 Units each)	Socio- Economics	Completed
30 3	Ohaoza ra	Mgbom- Ugwulangwu	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (4Nos)	Water	Completed
30 4	Ohaoza ra	Ogwu Etiti	Completion of Town Hall	Socio- Economics	Completed
30 5	Ohaoza ra	Ogwu Etiti	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed

306	Ohaozara	Okposi –Okwu	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
307	Ohaozara	Okposi –Okwu	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (1no)	Water	Completed
308	Ohaozara	Uburu	Construction of a Block of 6-Market Stall	Socio-Economics	Completed
309	Ohaozara	Uburu	Farm Road with Box Culvert	Transport	Completed
310	Ohaozara	Uburu, (Umunaga-Egugwu)	Construction of a Town Hall	Socio-Economics	Completed
311	Ohaozara	Uburu, (Umunaga-Egugwu)	Drilling of a Motorized Borehole with Solar Panel	Water	Completed
312	Ohaozara	Ugwulangwu	Construction of 2-Blocks of Open Market Stall of 10 units each	Socio-Economics	Completed
313	Ohaozara	Ugwulangwu	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (3Nos)	Water	Completed
314	Ohaozara	Umuakuma	Construction of Civic Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed
315	Ohaozara	Umuakuma	Renovation of Primary School Block	Transport	Completed
316	Ohaozara	Umuanum	Construction of Town Hall	Socio-Economics	Completed
317	Ohaozara	Umuanum	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (1No)	Water	Completed
318	Ohaozara	Umuanum 2	Solar Powered Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
319	Ohaozara	Umuanum 2	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (2nos)	Water	Completed
320	Ohaozara	Umuanum Enu-Uburu Unemployed Youth Group	Civic/Skill Acquisition Centre with Basic Equipment	Socio-Economics	Completed
321	Ohaozara	Umuanum Enu-Uburu Unemployed Youth Group	Drilling& Installation of a Motorized Borehole with Overhead Tank of 5000 Litres Capacity	Water	Completed
322	Ohaozara	Umueze Widows, Ohaozara	Construction of a Skill Acquisition Centre and Equipment	Socio-Economics	Completed

323	Ohaozara	Umueze Widows, Ohaozara	Drilling of a Hand Pump Borehole	Water	Completed
324	Ohaozara	Umuka	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
325	Ohaozara	Umuka	Construction of Town Hall	Socio-Economics	Completed
326	Ohaozara	Urobo	Construction of Mini Bridge	Transport	Completed
327	Ohaozara	Urobo	Renovation of Primary School Hall	Education	Completed
328	Ohaukwu	Ameku Okposhi	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
329	Ohaukwu	Ameku Okposhi	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (5nos)	Water	Completed
330	Ohaukwu	Effium	Grading of Farm Road 4.5km with Ring Culvert (3nos)	Transport	Completed
331	Ohaukwu	Effium	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
332	Ohaukwu	Indigent Women of Faith, Okposhi Eshi Ngbo	Construction of a Decked Block of 11 Lock-Up Shops and a Toilet	Socio-Economics	Completed
333	Ohaukwu	Indigent Women of Faith, Okposhi Eshi Ngbo	Drilling of a Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
334	Ohaukwu	Ishielu	Construction of Town Hall	Socio-Economics	Completed
335	Ohaukwu	Ishielu	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
336	Ohaukwu	Ndulo Umuezaka Unemployed Youths, Umuezaka Ngbo	Construction of a Civic and Skill Acquisition Centre with Equipment	Socio-Economics	Completed
337	Ohaukwu	Ndulo Umuezaka Unemployed Youths, Umuezaka Ngbo	Drilling of a Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed
338	Ohaukwu	Nkpoikwe-Okposhi Eshi	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed

339	Ohaukwu	Nkpoikwe-Okposhi Eshi	Construction of Town Hall with Lock-up shop (5Nos)	Socio-Economics	Completed
340	Ohaukwu	Nkpoikwe-Okposhi Eshi	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (2Nos)	Water	Completed
341	Ohaukwu	Okposhi Ndiagu	1 Motorized and 4 nos. Hand Pump Borehole	Water	Completed
342	Ohaukwu	Okposhi Ndiagu	Completion/Equipping of a Town Hall	Socio-Economics	Completed
343	Ohaukwu	Okposhi Ndiagu	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
344	Ohaukwu	Okposhi Ndiegu 2	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
345	Ohaukwu	Okposhi Ndiegu 2	Drilling of Motorized Borehole (1 no)	Water	Completed
346	Ohaukwu	Ukwagba	Extension of Electricity with 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
347	Ohaukwu	Ukwagba	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (3Nos)	Water	Completed
348	Ohaukwu	Umuakpu	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (12Nos)	Water	Completed
349	Ohaukwu	Umuakpu	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
350	Ohaukwu	Umuogudu-Akpu	Construction of Secondary School Examination Hall	Education	Completed
351	Ohaukwu	Umuogudu-Akpu	Construction of a Box Culvert	Transport	Completed
352	Onicha	Akaudo Na Oganiru Group	Construction of Skill Acquisition Centre with Basic Equipment	Socio-Economics	Completed
353	Onicha	Akaudo Na Oganiru Group	Drilling & Installation of a Motorized Water Borehole with Overhead GP Tank of 2 4000 litres.	Water	Completed
354	Onicha	Amagu –Mgbom	Construction of Town Hall	Socio-Economics	Completed
355	Onicha	Amagu –Mgbom	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed

356	Onicha	Chianyidima Group	Construction of Skill Acquisition Centre with Basic Equipment	Socio-Economics	Completed
357	Onicha	Chianyidima Group	Drilling & Installation of a Hand Pump Water Borehole (1No)	Water	Completed
358	Onicha	Chukwubu-Ikeanyi	Construction of Lock-up Shops	Socio-Economics	Completed
359	Onicha	Chukwubu-Ikeanyi	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole (1No.)	Water	Completed
360	Onicha	Dubem Widows Association	Construction of a Skill Acquisition Centre	Socio-Economics	Completed
361	Onicha	Dubem Widows Association	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole (2Nos.)	Water	Completed
362	Onicha	God is Our Husband Widows	Construction of Lock-up Shops	Socio-Economics	Completed
363	Onicha	God is Our Husband Widows	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole (1No.)	Water	Completed
364	Onicha	Igboeze Onicha	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
365	Onicha	Igboeze Onicha	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (2Nos)	Water	Completed
366	Onicha	Ishinkwo	Grading of Farm Road with 900mm Ring Culvert (5nos) & 600mm Ring Culvert (2nos)	Transport	Completed
367	Onicha	Ishinkwo	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Borehole (2Nos)	Water	Completed
368	Onicha	Isuokoma	Construction of Town Hall	Socio-Economics	Completed
369	Onicha	Isuokoma	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole (1No.)	Water	Completed
370	Onicha	Nwayibugo Amankwo Widows	Construction of 20 Units of Lock-up Stalls	Socio-Economics	Completed
371	Onicha	Nwayibugo Amankwo Widows	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole (2Nos.)	Water	Completed
372	Onicha	Ochege Ukawu	Extension of Electricity (3.2km)	Electricity	Completed

37 3	Onicha	Ochege Ukawu	Grading of 4.7km Farm Road	Transport	Completed
37 4	Onicha	Ochege-Ukawu	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
37 5	Onicha	Ochege-Ukawu	Construction of a Block of 12 Open Market Stalls	Socio-Economics	Completed
37 6	Onicha	Omego Women Association Group	Completion of Civic/Skill Acquisition Centre with Equipment	Socio-Economics	Completed
37 7	Onicha	Omego Women Association Group	Drilling of Motorized Borehole & Installation of Overhead Tank	Water	Completed
37 8	Onicha	Onicha-Igboeze	Extension of Electricity	Electricity	Completed
37 9	Onicha	Onicha-Igboeze	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (4Nos)	Water	Completed
38 0	Onicha	Oshiri	Extension of Electricity with 2Nos of 300KVA Transformer	Electricity	Completed
38 1	Onicha	Oshiri	Drilling of Hand Pump Water Boreholes (3Nos)	Water	Completed
38 2	Onicha	Osinachi Widows Association	Construction of Health Centre	Health	Completed
38 3	Onicha	Osinachi Widows Association	Drilling of Hand Pump Borehole (1No.)	Water	Completed
38 4	Onicha	Uhuoge Widows Assembly	Construction of Health Centre	Health	Completed
38 5	Onicha	Uhuoge Widows Assembly	Drilling of a Motorized Borehole	Water	Completed

Source: Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency Report, 2014

Implication of World Bank Intervention Projects in Ebonyi State

Assessing the contribution of the World Bank, Ezekiel and Acheneje (2016:14) contend that some of the projects funded by the Bank have yielded positive results. For Ebonyi State; the World Bank projects have given rise to significant changes in the socio-economic development of the state. As earlier noted, World Bank projects have had a significant impact on the community and social development in Ebonyi State. Nkwede et al (n.d) hold that during the period under review, the Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EBCSDA), an agency heavily funded

by the World Bank, embarked on the provision of health centres, classroom blocks, water supply, feeder roads and culverts, rural electrification, market infrastructure, and civic/skills acquisition centres, among others. There are over six hundred and thirty-three of these micro projects approved and completed in the different communities located in the thirteen local government areas of the state (Iganga, et al 2015:361).

Waterborne diseases were common diseases in Ebonyi State. This was mainly due unavailability of a safe source of drinking water. According to C. U. Iganga et al (2015:361) the health effect of drinking contaminated and polluted water in Ebonyi State have been devastating. This was a major contributor to the high infant mortality rate in Ebonyi State. Guinea worm and Onchocerciasis (River blindness) are endemic water-borne diseases associated with the state for a long time now (Iganga, et al 2015:361). Other major waterborne diseases that the people of Ebonyi have suffered include cholera, amoebiasis, cryptosporidiosis, cyclosporiasis, taeniasis, E. coli infection, typhoid fever, SARS, dysentery, leptospirosis, salmonellosis, among others (pharmanewsonline, 2016). With the World Bank's borehole water projects, there has been a drastic reduction in waterborne diseases in the state. The project provided the people with a safe source of water.

Lack of access to healthcare facilities, especially, in rural areas has been one of the major challenges facing rural communities in Nigeria. Many rural communities in Ebonyi State, before World Bank intervention, lacked healthcare/maternity centres in their vicinity; people had to travel long distances to receive treatment with many dying on their way to the hospital. However, the establishment of community health centres and public education posts have improved access to primary and preventive care in the state, especially, in rural areas.

It is pertinent to note that lack of access to health facilities majorly accounts for the high rate of maternal and infant mortality in Nigeria and Ebonyi State in particular. The Pharmanews report of 8th April, 2016, maintained that the major reason the Nigerian nation has had an unenviable record of being ranked as one of the worst countries in terms of maternal and infant mortality rates is poor access to health care, especially, in the rural areas. This explains why thousands of childbirths are still handled by traditional birth attendants; and when things go wrong in the process, as it frequently happens, the consequence is almost always fatal. The World Bank's intervention in the provision of health facilities in the rural communities in Ebonyi State has helped in reducing maternal and infant mortality rates in the state.

Another laudable impact of World Bank projects in Ebonyi State is seen in the area of low rates of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and polio infection. Ebonyi State is one of the states with a low rate of HIV/AIDS in the country. However, this low rate of HIV/AIDS in the state has been attributed to the activities of the Ebonyi State Committee on AIDS (EBOSCA) funded by the World Bank. The activities of Ebonyi State Committee on AIDS (EBOSACA) have helped the state to achieve significant reduction in the spread of HIV. The Vanguard Newspaper had on November 23, 2009, reported that the number of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Ebonyi State dropped significantly

from 4 percent in 2007 down to 2.8 percent in 2008; this information was also corroborated by the National Action Committee on Aids (NACA). Similarly, Mr. Ezzagu Nwiboko, the state coordinator of the Ebonyi State Action Committee on AIDS (EBOSACA), had reported in the Vanguard Newspaper of March 17, 2017, that the HIV/AIDS infection rate in Ebonyi has dropped from 3% to 0.9 percent. These reductions were made possible by EBOSACA's constant advocacy, distribution of condoms, supplies of antiviral drugs, HIV Counselling and testing, prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT), among others. The World Bank's intervention on polio has also helped the State to maintain zero polio status.

In the area of agriculture, access to funding has been a major issue for farmers in Nigeria. Okoro and Nwali (2017: 2) note that the future of the agricultural sector of the nation's economy is faced with several uncertainties such as resource scarcity, heightened risks from climate change, higher energy prices, demand for bio-fuels, and most importantly, inadequate funding. In Ebonyi State, the World Bank has bridged the gap in farmers' access to funding through the FADAMA III project. The Senior Special Adviser (Donor Agencies, Grants and Loans) to the Ebonyi State Governor notes that the implementation of the FADAMA III-AF project, which officially commenced on September 14, 2015, saw to the funding of 20 business plans through which 300 rice farmers were supported to cultivate 300 hectares of rice farm; the rain-fed rice production programme in 2016 funded 121 business plans out of which 1,815 rice farmers were supported.

Similarly, one of the greatest problems confronting rural farmers and communities in Nigeria is the absence of critical infrastructure such as 'motorable' roads. This hinders market access for farmers in such communities who work assiduously to eke out a living from farming. Due to the deplorable state of roads, farmers have to grow only what they can eat or the extra they can carry on their heads to nearby markets. Most times, the surplus gets rotten in storage in the villages or during transit as a result of many hours or days spent in transporting the foodstuffs to where they were needed due to bad roads. Most rural communities in State Ebonyi have rich and extensive fertile soil that is suitable for agriculture, which will invariably improve food security if properly harnessed. However, before to the World Bank RAAMP (Nigeria Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project) project, the movement and distribution of agricultural produce were on the very low side due to lack of motorable roads and effective transportation system. This situation makes it difficult for farmers in rural communities to convey their agricultural inputs and seedlings to the farm and bring out produce to the market for effective distribution. Nevertheless, following the implementation of the RAAMP project, there has been an improvement in the rural roads; this has made it possible for farmers in rural areas to easily transport their farm produce to the markets. There is no doubt that the World Bank through the Ebonyi State Community and Social Development Agency (EB CSDA) has provided multi-sectoral micro-projects such as the construction and rehabilitation of roads, schools, culverts, bridges, boreholes, health facilities, potable water, rural electrification, classrooms, laboratories, VIP toilets, civic centres, water, transportation, vocational training centres and drainages system, among others, to rural communities in the thirteen local government areas of the state. These infrastructures provide a catalyst for the socio-economic development of the rural communities in the state.

It is imperative and worthy of noting that several challenges confront World Bank intervention projects in Ebonyi State. As a result of this, most of the objectives have not been achieved. Most of these challenges were caused by internal factors, especially, the poor governance structure in the country. The poor governance structure in Nigeria and Ebonyi State in, particular, has given rise to other challenges that undermine the objectives of the World Bank projects. These challenges include inadequate funding, lack of competent manpower, corruption and lack of accountability, paucity and delay in the release of funds, political interference, marginalization, inter and intra-conflict, and the issue of sustainability, among others.

The challenges identified above notwithstanding, the World Bank-assisted projects have, undoubtedly, contributed significantly to reducing poverty, increasing access to health facilities, improving literacy levels, increasing agricultural productivity, and decreasing cases of flooding and erosion, among others in the state. The World Bank Assisted Community and Social Development Projects have contributed significantly to the socio-economic development of rural communities in the state during the period under review.

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