

Preface

The Plateau State Monitoring and Evaluation Policy (PSMEP) provides the basis for a minimum standard of monitoring and evaluation across Plateau State. Triggered by a resolution from the State Government Retreat of October 2020 for improved documentation, this Policy will enable MSE to be used as a tool to measure results and link evaluation evidence to policy, planning and budgeting processes, thereby promoting public accountability and learning for improved performance. The policy provides a framework for impact assurance regarding the implementation of any government developmental strategy or plan, creating an integrated and functional Government-wide Monitoring and Evaluation System in the State.

The PSMEP draws from the practical application of the concepts in a Results Based Management System. It is designed to establish common structures and standards across the entire public sector for tracking progress in the implementation and evaluation of all Government policies, programmes and projects.

The main purpose of the Policy is to promote good governance through the adoption of a results-based management information system for monitoring and evaluation in government. This will improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and impact of public sector investment, by learning from the successes and failures in the implementation of Government policies, programmes and projects. In addition, the policy seeks to institutionalise and standardise Results-based M&E principles, procedures, practices and guidelines in all development processes in Plateau State.

The Policy has eight (8) specific objectives under eight thematic areas, viz: performance monitoring; results-based performance approach; government-wide M&E guidelines and standards; access to data and information; evaluation and utilisation of M&E data and information; M&E roles and responsibilities; strengthening institutional M&E capacities; and performance (value-for-money) audit. Responsive policy measures have been outlined to be implemented within the institutional and legal frameworks of this Policy in order to achieve the above-stated objectives. Each State MDA and LGC will be required to hinge its medium-term strategy and annual budget on a results-based performance approach, in addition to an annual performance work plan and report.

This Policy launches Plateau State into global best practice in improving governance, promoting development, promoting partnership with development stakeholders, and ensuring citizens participation and inclusion by providing access to data and information for evaluation and utilisation by decision makers. Specifically, in evaluation, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee's internationally agreed criteria will apply.



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The full implementation of the Policy by all stakeholders will ensure that government development plans, policies, programmes and projects are delivered optimally at both the state and local government levels, with adequate assessments using standard evidence-based methodologies that are consistent with international best practices. For optimal results, the policy is being backed up by the enactment of the legislation that guarantees the sustainability of the framework and structures stipulated herein.



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