

OUR VISION for ABIA:

We will organically develop Abia through the involvement of every segment of the society in formulating and executing policies that affect them, especially in security, education, health care delivery, durable roads, agriculture and the overall local economy of Abia.

Using what we already have in the state to make Abia the most developed sub government in Sub Saharan Africa.

In line with our goal we have highlighted some crucial sectors that we will prioritize and ensure 100% implementation.

(1) INFRASTRUCTURAL AND PEOPLE ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

The growth and the economic development of any nation depends wholly on the development of her people and infrastructures, we will take a critical look at the projects of immediate past administration both abandoned and on-going projects and complete those projects that we know can better the lives of our people while at the same time developing more people oriented and economy advancing projects in different communities in the state.

We will only engage in projects that will benefit our people and advance our economy, where we need to review certain projects we will do so without fear or favour.

All projects under our administration will be handled by professionals and all projects no matter the size, will only be awarded on merit through due process and by the right agency without fear or favour.

The quality of our infrastructures is crucial and must be treated as such, no half measures or low quality will be accepted.

We will put our people and the growth of our economy first and will not entertain the de-facto norm of enriching certain individuals at the expense of the good people of Abia.

All projects handled by our administration must last for more than 3 decades from the date of completion, to this end we will inaugurate a special quality control and project monitoring department, this department will be made up of men and women with integrity and impeccable moral standard with grounded knowledge in relevant projects, they will be charged with the responsibility of checking projects designs, quality standard, cost and will monitor each and every project carried out within the state, they will also be responsible for projects planning, design, evaluation and strategy prior to, during and after its execution.

All projects carried out within the state shall be accessible to the good people of Abia and can also be tracked and monitored electronically and on-site by all, we will be as open as a book and nothing shall be hidden.

We promise to deliver a 100% infrastructural and people oriented development like never before and on this we stand.

(2) EDUCATION AND SKILL ACQUISITION

Nelson Mandela once said that “education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” our administration will take a critical look at the education sector and implement major changes that will reflect positively on the next generation of leaders, we agreed with Benjamin Franklin that “An investment in knowledge pays the best interest”

we will review and strengthen the educational sector, we will introduce new policies and programmes that will not only create better opportunities for our people but also make us stand tall and strong in the community of intelligent minds around the world.

We support the past government’s policy of handing over missionary schools to the original owners and shall continue where they stopped.

We will bring down fees paid in our higher institutions and invest hugely in our public schools. We will equip our public schools with state of the art facilities and use solar to power facilities like a modern ICT centre, modern laboratories, fully equipped libraries and a conducive learning environment of international standard.

This we will implement in the first 2 years of our administration.

Teachers and lecturers in our schools will be empowered with the right tools and educational qualification and a government sponsored re-training programmes annually.

We will make relevant education which lay more emphasis on skills compulsory and very affordable until we can fully implement a totally free education system in Abia.

We will empower Abians with a fully equipped skill acquisition centre and provide opportunities for trainees to acquire such skills under the tutelage of the right professionals and provide mentorship that will guide them through their career.

We will also create a viable environment and opportunities for them to excel in their choice of field.

We want to see more of “made in Aba” products exported all over the world and making waves in the international markets, our government will create such an enabling environment and align with international partners that will scale our products to the world in a way that has never been experienced.

(3) AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION.

Abia is popular for housing the biggest cattle market in Nigeria and the agricultural sector employs about 70% of the state’s workforce making it the second most viable sector of the state, our government shall invest hugely on the agricultural and food production sector and consolidate on the positive stride of past administration.

We will alleviate the suffering of our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters whose heavy manual labour has affected their health and cut short their life span. This is in addition to poor funding, low yield and huge loss from sales of produce.

We will develop programmes and policies that will put an end to these sufferings through partnership with investors, we will invest in agricultural machines and organic fertilizer plants under the ministry of agriculture.

We will create programmes and policies that will ensure that farmers reap bountifully from their harvest.

We will make available more lands for farming different agricultural produce like yams, maize, potatoes, rice, cashews, plantains, taro and cassava, palm oil which is Abia's most important cash crop will not be left out and other agricultural crops that our soil can support will also not be left out.

We will create dams and use irrigation systems to improve our seasons of cropping. We will build modern ranches which will be used for greater production of meat, milk, hides and skin.

Under our administration the ministry of agriculture will be fully accessible to farmers to attend to inquiries and complaints and will keep a database of developments in the sector through which strategies that will benefit the sector will be developed.

(4) HEALTH

The health sector is one of the major concerns of our administration as of today Abia state's primary healthcare system is in dire need of repair, our poorly equipped hospitals and the high cost of accessing even the basic care had made healthcare an insurmountable challenge for most Abians especially in the rural areas.

We understand these challenges and will chart a new path for our people, there is absolutely no reason why free basic health care should not be made available to Abians especially children, pregnant women and elderly ones.

We will have a roundtable conference with stakeholders and discuss on the way out and we shall implement every suggestion and agreement reached at the conference that will benefit Abians and improve the healthcare system of our state.

We shall spare no resources in doing so, no nation develops without the sound health of her citizens, we cannot make progress if the health of our people is constantly not cared for.

We will create a team within each local government that will be charged with the responsibility of visiting people within their locality to check on their health and wellbeing and provide basic healthcare if required free of charge, this team will also be charged with the responsibility of collating data on the health issues of our people, the data collated will be used in developing programmes and policies that will improve the health sector of our state.

We will build a healthier Abia, this is a promise that must be fulfilled.

(5) SECURITY

The security of our state and people is of utmost importance to us and we shall give it the attention it deserves. Every form of intimidation, killings, robbery, violence, cultism, kidnapping and others will not be tolerated, our administration will strive to make Abia the safest state in Nigeria.

We will bring on board all security apparatus of the state and other stakeholders and develop a more secured Abia through policies and people oriented programmes.

We will incorporate all families into our security system through neighborhood watch beginning with clan heads, town union presidents, the Eze in council, councilors, through the local government executives in that order up to the state governor. everyone must know and have information about people and events within their locality this is what we mean by organic security system.

everyone will be involved in securing every inch of our space from family to state house. this will be supported by a technology backed and efficient incident report and rapid response infrastructure.

We will power our roads with solar systems and CCTV cameras to improve security in the state.

The safety of lives and properties of our people is our utmost concern and we will ensure that our people are free to go wherever they want to go within the state, work, school, play or relax at any time without fear.

(6) EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The level of unemployment especially among our youths and women is alarmingly low and this bothers us a lot, thousands of our youths graduate every year only to roam the street with no job, our women have no job to support their homes and these have increased the level of poverty in our states, we will not allow this to continue.

Our administration will develop effective programmes and policies that will empower our people through skill acquisition, creating equal employment opportunities, creating an enabling environment for businesses to thrive in the state that will result in more employment opportunities for our people, we will provide incentives that will support small and medium scale businesses in the state.

We will make vocational training compulsory for our youths both graduates and non-graduates. This way they will have a better opportunity at making something great in their lives, we will put their future right in their hands by creating an enabling environment for them to succeed in their choice of career.