Institutionalization of Demographic Dividend Programming in Nigeria: Evidence from the Preparation of the DD Roadmaps at the National and Sub-National Levels

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Introduction
Harnessing Demographic Dividend in Nigeria

- Nigeria is a federation of 36 States and a Federal Capital Territory (FCT).
- Heterogeneity of Nigeria’s demographic profile
- Creating and harnessing the demographic dividend (DD) in the country will require in-depth consideration of the peculiarity of each state.

Institutionalization

- The process of securing government commitment and buy-in, in the implementation, monitoring and successfully harnessing DD

Roadmaps for harnessing DD in Nigeria

- The aim is to cover the 36 State plus FCT
- Currently, Roadmap has been developed for national, 3 States in the North, 3 in the South
AU – January 2017 - 1.308 billion (2019)
Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through Investments in Youth

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- Strengthen the capacity to coordinate, monitor and report on progress in implementing DD priorities
• The paper documents
  • the process of the preparation of the roadmap for harnessing the demographic dividend at both national and subnational levels in Nigeria

• how the process has been institutionalized for DD harnessing
Programming the Demographic Dividend in Nigeria
Phase 1: Preparation – To commit

Phase 2: Planning – To be ready

Phase 3: Implementation – To get involved

Country Profiles
Gap Analysis
Policy Declaration to Harness a DD

- Building Partnerships
- Implementation Planning

- Programme implementation
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Scaling Up

Roadmap for Harnessing the Demographic Dividend

Demographic Dividend Estimation and Profile Report

Demographic Dividend Monitoring Index and Observatory

Output
Main Outputs of the different stages of the programming

- Roadmap for Harnessing the Demographic Dividend
- Demographic Dividend Estimation and Profile Report
- Demographic Dividend Monitoring Index and Observatory Report
Framework for the Institutionalisation of the Demographic Dividend Programming in Nigeria
- Bilateral talk between consultants and Ministry of planning management
- Sensitization of key stakeholders on the importance of harnessing DD in Nigeria
- Stakeholders sensitization campaign at their various MDAs
- Preparation for the development of Roadmap
- Training Workshop and development of Roadmap
- Validation of Roadmap
- Institutionalization (Government buy-in and commitment)
DD Roadmaps in Nigeria and Status of the Institutionalisation process
Thematic Pillars in the Nigerian Demographic Dividend Roadmap

Pillar 1: Health (including family planning) and Wellbeing

Pillar 2: Education and Skills Development

Pillar 3: Employment and Entrepreneurship

Pillar 4: Governance and Youth Participation

Pillar 5: Practical Evidence Building on Demographic Dividend
Pillars in various Roadmaps for Harnessing the Demographic Dividend
Status of the Institutionalisation process

- **Early Stage: Sensitization and meeting with key stakeholders including willingness**
  - Oyo, Osun, Akwa Ibom, Gombe

- **Medium Stage: Roadmap Developed and validated**
  - Sokoto, FCT, Ogun, Ondo

- **Advance Stage**
  - Lagos (Roadmap, Estimated DD Profile and mapped DD into development plan)
  - Kaduna (Roadmap, Estimated DD Profile)
  - National (Roadmap, Estimated DD Profile, DDMI, Observatory)
Agencies in Charge of Roadmaps

Nigeria

- National
  - Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning
- Federal Capital Territory
  - Economic Planning, Research and Statistics Department
- Lagos
  - Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget
- Kaduna
  - Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget
- Ogun
  - Ministry of Budget, Planning and Statistics
- Ondo
  - Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget
- Sokoto
  - Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning
Lessons Learnt
• **Dividend differs in different zones of the country...**
  
  • ... population age structure in different Zones and States are different from that of the national age structure...

• **Knowledge of the Demographic Dividend, although growing is still limited**
  
  • Inclusive and carefully planned and delivered sensitization and advocacy programme on DD can kindle enormous public interest, and have a great potential to stimulate action and commitment to DD as a strategy of harnessing the potentials of young people for sustainable development.

• **Demographic Dividend is Multisectoral and multidisciplinary in content and understanding**
  
  • To fully reap demographic dividend, institutions, policy makers and academics must work out of silos and collaborate so that they exploit their various strengths
Stakeholder engagement is key
- Buy-in of the relevant government stakeholders in the development of Roadmaps and other DD activities
- Process of dissemination handled by the stakeholders for more acceptability within the country

Government commitment and good governance is key

Institutionalisation is essential
- Buy-in for the institutionalisation of the Roadmaps for harnessing Demographic dividend, and process of reaping the benefits

Funding constraint
Conclusion

• Utmost cooperation and zeal of all relevant stakeholders during both the implementation and monitoring and evaluation of all investment activities recommended in the Roadmaps

• Effective institutionalization of DD programming is strongly believed to produce the desired overall objective of harnessing DD in Nigeria

• There are still constraint to a successful institutionalization of DD programming in Nigeria
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