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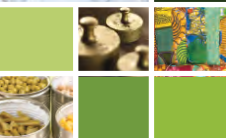
IMPROVING BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS

PROJECTS

- National Quality Infrastructure for Nigeria (NQI Project) - 2013-2017.
- West African Quality System Programme for ECOWAS (WAQSP Project) - 2014-2018.

DONOR

European Union (Nigerian Competitiveness Support Programme and Support Programme for the Private Sector in West Africa)



National Quality Infrastructure for Nigeria Project

Building Trust For Trade

Context

In spite of being one of the largest economies in Africa, Nigeria lacks an internationally recognised National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) with the capacity to ensure safety, integrity and marketability of goods and services, and the removal of technical barriers to local, regional and international trade.

Goal

The project aims to support the improvement and establishment of missing standards and quality control bodies in order to improve the quality of products, to boost competitiveness of the private sector, and to ensure the protection of its consumers.

Strategy

The project paves the way to solve the current NQI's limitations by analysing the demand and supply obstacles for NQI services. Further, the project aims to develop a functional and internationally recognized national accreditation body (NINAS) and national metrology institute (NMI), within the context of an updated national quality policy. To connect targeted actors to an improved quality infrastructure, the project seeks to increase awareness and knowledge of technical regulations issues by associating and creating linkages for the organized private sector (OPS) in the NQI.

Expected Results

- Assistance for the promulgation of a national quality policy (NQP) and improvements in enforcing legislation for the NQI.
- Establishment of a national accreditation body (NINAS) coherent with the West African accreditation system for conformity assessment. Capacity development for accreditation auditors. Assessment of the reference national laboratories for calibration and testing.
- Development of a national metrology institute (NMI) to ensure calibration of instruments and traceability of measurement to international standards.
- Extended participation of the private sector in the NQI through its improved capacity to create and support conformity assessment bodies (CABs).
- Extended use of the NQI services through awareness activities and a well-trained NQI workforce. Development of training units.

TOTAL BUDGET: EUR 12,080,000



Objectives

NQI Project - Nigeria

To create and promulgate a National Quality Policy for Nigeria and to ensure legislation for the NQI.

To establish a National Accreditation Body for Nigeria.

To develop a National Metrology Institute for Nigeria.

To improve the Organised Private Sector patronage of the NQI and their capacity to create and support conformity assessment bodies.

To enhance the Consumer Protection role on quality issues and also increase capacities of consumer associations to lift up the quality offer and culture of Nigerian enterprises.



Imported raw materials are tested to make sure that they meet market requirements (standards, hygiene, etc.).



Manufacturers test the quality of their unfinished products at different stages during the production process.



Final testing is carried out to ensure that the finished products meet all requirements before delivery to the customer.



A government authority regularly takes samples from your supermarket to check the quality of the products.

Achievements

(Since 2013):

Completed National Quality Policy document for Nigeria.



Published Nigerian Directory of Testing and Calibration Labs.



Disseminated the National Policy on Food Safety in two regions.



Capacity building of public officials to adopt the practice of good governance in Government institutions.



Training of officers in Nigerian regulatory agencies to improve the creation of technical regulations for the trade and industry sectors.



Capacity building of metrology professionals – the Standards Organisation of Nigeria, Department of Weights and Measures (FMITI)



Capacity building of laboratory personnel who test samples of food and beverage for industrial production – Proficiency Testing schemes.



Capacity building for the Private Sector organisations to invest in certification services market for products, personnel and systems.



Nationwide capacity building for management and staff of the Consumer Protection Council on how to enforce the CPC Act 1992 (nationwide).



Capacity building for Nigerian media professionals on monitoring improvements in trade Quality and Compliance.



Published and disseminated Guideline on Good Governance and Professional Practices for Organizations and Personnel of the National Quality Infrastructure of Nigeria – which is to be transformed into a Nigerian voluntary standard.



Produced Social Report with case studies of key NQI institutions that developed a sustainable approach to embrace the Good Governance principles as business guidelines.



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