



MAJOR POLICIES OF GOVERNOR ROCHAS OKOROCHA

FREE EDUCATION:

- ✓ Supply of free school uniforms, free sandals, free stockings, free desks, free chairs and free books.
- ✓ Distribution of pocket money to Primary School pupils. It was a wonderful experience for pupils in public schools and the first time in the history of Imo State such thing happened. That singular act made the beneficiaries to create a culture of savings.
- ✓ Increased subvention for Imo State University from N50Million to N250Million.
- ✓ The Education Trust Fund: The establishment of Education Trust Fund is arrangement for continuity of free education after the expiration of his tenure.
- ✓ Training and retraining of teachers through workshops, seminars and other programmes for teachers and principals.
- ✓ Launching of sensitization club, Igbo language Club, Ethics and Moral Club, with the launching of ethics and moral clubs, the high level of cultism seen in most schools and urban areas have drastically reduced.
- ✓ Creation of Education Police aimed at monitoring the teaching and learning in school environments, obviously because if one has gotten every other materials and logistics without proper monitoring and supervision things will surely go wrong.



PALM TO PALM POLICY:

Governor Okorocha introduced this policy when he predicted that crude oil - a major source of revenue for the country will soon crash. He spoke prophetically and called for the diversification of the economy. Under the Palm to Palm Policy; many Palm Oil Development Programmes was carried; through the procurement of over 250,000 sprouted improved Oil Palm seedlings and distributed same to Imo farmers through the Ministry of Agriculture.

The government also established 10Ha of Oil Palm Plantation at Ngor-Okpala LGA, while sites were acquired for the zonal replication of the Imo Palm Plantation at the other Zones of the State.

Determined to ensure the progress of the palm-to-palm policy; the governor released the sum of N10M each to the 27 LGAs for the establishment and development of palm for Palm Programme. Following an activation of Oil Palm Revolution Programme of the governor in the State tagged “Palm-for-Palm Programme (IKUOLA NKWU) the sum of N300,000.00 (Three hundred thousand naira) was given to each of the 637 autonomous communities in the State to cue into the Programme including Imo Citizens in Diaspora.

Through Community Government Council, (CGC) all the autonomous Communities in the state were financially empowered to plant 1 hectare of Oil Palm each for the Palm for Palm Development Programme.

He equally empowered 27 LGAs to plant 1 hectare of Oil palm Plantation in line with “Ikuola Nkwu” which has become the major slogan towards the rehabilitation of Oil Palm.



HEALTH AT YOUR DOOR STEP AND HEALTH TOURISM DESTINATION

Some meaningful programmes have been carried out under the health policy of the governor. To ensure the success of this policy the state government procured vehicles that serve as mobile clinics for emergency health response. It has meaningfully helped in the treatment of many sick people in the rural areas and saved many who were in critical conditions.

The construction of 27 General Hospitals in the 27 Local Government Areas of Imo State was executed in line with the Health policy of the State Governor; Owelle Anayo Okorochoa.

URBAN RENEWAL AND IMO MY PRIDE

It was a policy designed to make Imo State a modern model state; under this policy many road expansion projects have been executed, including numerous city beautification projects carried out in order to give the state a facelift.

IMO AS ONE FAMILY AND ONE CONSTITUENCY

With this policy the governor solved the problem of marginalization and balanced the equation in provision of employment opportunities for all Imo indigenes. Any time there is job vacancy he makes sure he spreads it to all the Electoral Wards, Autonomous Communities or Local Government Areas in the state just to give everybody a sense of belonging. Through this policy he equally balanced the sharing formula for political offices.

PRUDENCE IN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

As a man filled with the spirit of humanitarian services, he sacrificed his security votes and channeled it into execution of his free education programmes. He went ahead to close every avenue of financial leakage in the state. His wisdom in prudence management of resources is the secret behind the giant strides of his Rescue Mission regime; particularly in the area of massive infrastructural developments.



RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT

Through the Road Development Policy of Imo State Governor, he has created roads where it never existed in the past; an example of such are; the Akachi Road, First, Second, Third and Fourth Inland Roads.

POLICY ON SECURITY OF LIVES AND PROPERTY

The establishment of Imo Security Network and Imo Community Watch were as a result of the Governor's policy to give criminals and hoodlums hot chase out of the state. It has helped to drastically reduce crime in the state.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Heartland Queens FC was established and registered as the first ever female professional football team as a result of the sports development policy of the governor, they are now ready to participate in the Female Professional Football League.

Through the Sports Development policy of Governor Rochas Okorocha, he gave financial and moral support to Heartland Football Club and they emerged champions in the following competitions = A 2011/2012 Federation Cup, B 2011 and 2012 Charity Cup, C 2012 Super Four Cup.

Heart Flickers Hockey also emerged champions in first position in the National Six Aside Hockey Champions 2011 in Port Harcourt Rivers State. Imo State Sports Council finished 14th out of 36 on the medals at the Garden City Games in 2011 during the 17th National Sports Festivals with 8 Gold, 16 Silver and 37 Bronze medals.

Governor Rochas Okorocha sports development policy is the propelling force behind many success stories the state recorded in the sports sector. In 2011 IMO STATE KARATE TEAM won three Gold and one Silver at the UKA Karate Zone Championship in Ghana and in 2011, Imo State Taekwondo Team was overall best out of 70 in Pawumi National Championship in Lagos State.

Okorocha's Sports Development Policy also helped Imo State Grasshoppers Female Handball Team to emerge champions at the Open Handball Championship in 2015 in Lagos State. They also emerged first runners up in Silver Medalists in 2016 Female Handball League in Kaduna State.



Imo State Cricket Team were the first runners up in the second edition of the female Cricket Championship in 2011 in Lagos State. Imo State Sports Council won one Gold medal at the African Cup for Club Championship in Zambia in 2011. The impact of his sports development policy made all these achievements a reality.

The Sports Development Policy led to the introduction of Community Government Council, CGC Football Tournament, the maiden edition was won by Owerri Tire Dealers Association.

The government has equally shown commitment towards the sports development by introduction of Imo League. The beauty of Imo League is that it acts as a unifying factor where teams from the 27 local Governments in the state compete for a trophy. It has built bridges of love, peace and unity across the communities in the state as many youths transverse the three senatorial zones to play football.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT POLICY

Youth Millionaires Club Programme was created as a result of his youth empowerment policy. With the establishment of this club; Imo Youths would be empowered to enable them establish small scale industries and reduce youth unemployment.

Other programmes carried out under the Youth Empowerment Policy are as follows;

- ✓ **500 ISOPADEC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME:** N500Million was disbursed for the empowerment of Imo State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (ISOPADEC) youths from Ohaji Egbema and Oguta LGAs.
- ✓ **YOUTH MUST WORK SCHEME/PROGRAMME:** A total of 4700 youths benefited from the Youth Must Work Programme created to cushion the effects of youth unemployment.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/SKILLS ACQUISITION CENTER TRAINING: Over 1500 youths were trained in various skills and leadership training to make them self-reliant.

- ✓ **IMO YOUTH DATA BANK:** Creation of the first ever Imo Youth Data Bank to provide necessary statistics for planning and Youth empowerment.



POLICY ON IMPROVED IGR

The official launch of Aka Ndozi Imo (The hand that contributes to the development of Imo State) was inaugurated at the Banquet Hall, Government House Owerri. The programme was a tax mobilization initiative designed to improve the Internally Generated Revenue of the State Government.

- ✓ Upfront payment was a land mark achievement as a result of this policy-improved IGR, through the introduction of upfront payment for IGR agents, it ended the era when revenue agents run away with the state money after revenue collection.
- ✓ Introduction of informal revenue collection is another positive change the Owelle Okorochoa`s regime made in the IGR sector in line with his policy on improved IGR.

His policies and programmes for improved IGR led to the closure of all unauthorized accounts in the state. It is a measure that has become necessary in order to fortify the state against economic challenges.