

Democratic and Governance Audit Framework for State of Osun, Nigeria

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ABSTRACT

Understanding public attitudes has always been important to government and the public sector. It helps political leaders respond to the electorate's priorities and helps public service managers deliver what matters most to their users. Both matter more than ever as decision makers and policy makers explore ways to maximise the value of public spending, encourage greater personal responsibility and shift public expectations on the public services. The Democratic and Governance Audit was designed to systematically gauge and monitor the public perception of citizens of State of Osun on important issues that relates to their wellbeing. More so, the objective of the audit is to collect, analyze and report data of the perspective of the citizen of the state based on issues as it relates with their standard of living and concerns about the projects, programmes and happenings in the State of Osun. Governance audit is a systematic assessment of the service delivery, programs, projects, and resources provision of government. It is seen like a health-check on the state of a country's democracy and governance. There appear to be a seeming gap in this area of study. This study is therefore an attempt to close this gap by providing cutting edge solutions to governance issues starting from the state of Osun, Nigeria. The survey data was obtained across 3010 polling units of the 332 wards in the state consisting of 3,226 participants selected through a combination of simple random and proportional sampling techniques. The survey collected data on 14 indicators to gather the perspective of the respondents who are the citizen of the state about issues that bothers on their welfare. The study therefore evinces the needs, concerns and challenges encountered across the state either in accessing government services or resources management among other issues as encountered by the citizen of the state. Recommendations were made especially for policy makers as understanding public attitudes has always been important to government and the public sector as this brings about economic development.

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