



Co-created intervention activity on market metrics/market indicator tracking in Nigerian food markets: Ebonyi State

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Description of event: The event was held on Friday, March 31, 2023, at the Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki. 13 participants from 12 markets, representing market traders and leadership of wholesale markets in the state and relevant commodity associations participated in the event.

Participants at the event were presented with a summary of the analysis from the data collected during the listing activity which embedded the importance of data accuracy. Participants in the session validated the accuracy of the information presented. They appreciated the importance of the research and commended the potential use of the maps could be put to. Feedback from the presentation was generally positive but also revealed the following:

- a. The Kpogirikpo Market known to sell fish at wholesale levels was missing. The market operates every 4 days, and the project will make necessary efforts to ensure this market is captured during the actual data collection.
- b. Prior to the meeting, no processing clusters had been identified in the state. However, participants noted that there are fish processing clusters in two communities; Oziza and Kpogirikpo in Afikpo North Local Government Area. These clusters will also be added to the project's list of clusters and additional information collected during the next possible data collection effort.

It was agreed that communication be sustained between the research team and the participants. The participants committed to engaging their membership on the need to ensure accurate data is provided in the next round of data collection activity.

Following the feedback on the existence of fish processing clusters in Afikpo Local Government Area (LGA), one of the 13 LGAs in the State, the team lead Mr Ndukwe Okpani and Dr Oyinkan Tasie visited Afikpo LGA. The visit confirmed the accuracy of the feedback. The team identified one cluster in Ezi Ukwu, Amore Village in Oziza

Community and another in a community referred to as Site, in Kpogirikpo. Drying of fresh fish was the predominant activity in both clusters. Contact people in both clusters were identified and their contact details obtained. During the community visit, 2 fish landing sites were noted to exist in the community. One site is largely inaccessible by vehicular transportation while the other is. It is proposed that these sites be visited during the actual field visit to the markets for the market survey.

Table 1: Summary of proposed interventions/co-created activities from all markets.

Market name	What kind of information would you be interested in knowing about your market or in getting others to know about your market?
Eke (Afikpo North)	How to be listed as a market known to have a lot of fishes
Eke Ishiagu	How to be listed as a market known to have lots of fishes
Afor Owutu	How to be listed as a market known to have a lot of fish and export to neighbouring communities
Eke (Ohaozara)	How to be listed as a market known to have a lot of vegetables, Good and organized market leadership structure and good road access to the market. And how to be known and accessible to investors
Omego Echara	How to be listed also as a food camp market and to be made known and accessible to investors
Eke (Afikpo South)	How to be listed as a market known to have a lot of vegetables, known and accessible to investors
Ministry of SDGs & Market Development	How to be listed as a market known to have a lot of stalls and accessible to traders for rent at affordable rates following due process.
Eke Imoha (Ezza South)	How to produce fish and vegetables in large quantities
Kpdikpdi of Okpokeaba Market	How to be listed as a market known to have a lot of vegetables, tomatoes and fish.
Ahia Offu	How to be listed as a very big market known to have a lot of vegetables, tomatoes and fish at affordable rates
Eke	How to be listed as a well-secured market known to have a lot of vegetables and fish.



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