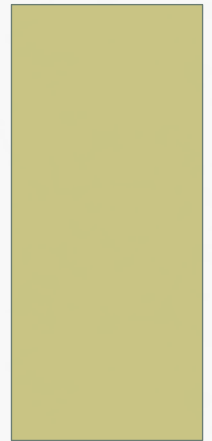


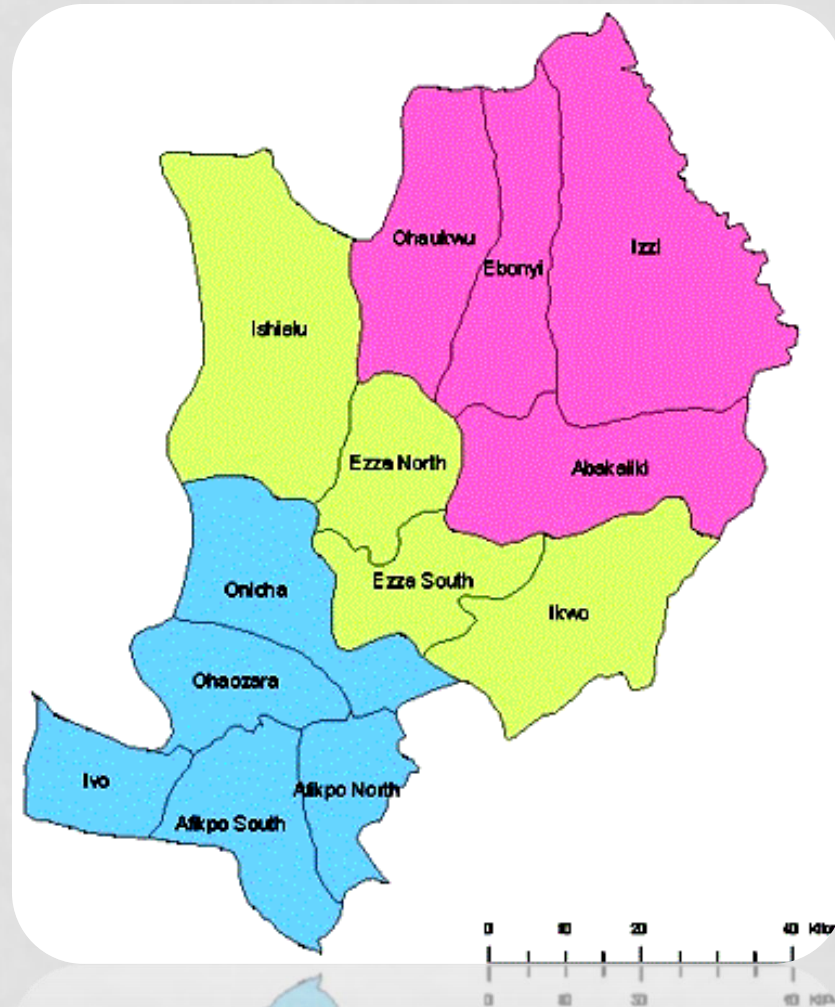
EBONYI STATE PEOPLE AND CULTURE

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EBONYI STATE

SALT OF THE NATION

HISTORIOGRAPHY OF THE STATE

- **Ebonyi State is one of the 36 States that make up the country Nigeria**
- **It is a south eastern state**
- **Created on 1st Oct1996**
- **Carved out of the present day Abia and Enugu states**

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF EBONYI STATE IN NIGERIA

- Ebonyi state lies at latitude 6 degrees 15 minutes N and longitude 8 degrees 5 minutes E with a land mass approximated at 5,932 square kilometers.
- It has boundaries in the North with Benue state, East with Cross River, south with Abia state and west with Enugu state
- The state has 3 senatorial zones : North, south and central
- North: Izzi, Abakaliki, Ebonyi, Ohaukwu
- South: Afikpo North, Afikpo south, Ivo, Ohaozara, Onicha
- Central: ikwo, Ezza South , Ezza North, Ishelu

WEATHER

- **We have three distinct seasons:**
- **Dry season lasts from February to April, temperature can get to 40 Deg C**
- **Raining Season starts from may to November features heavy rain and thunder storms and even flood**
- **Harmattan which is relatively cold, dry and windy, it lasts from November to January**

TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP



- In Ebonyi state we have **communities** and **villages** as against “cities” and districts in developed countries
- We have **traditional rulers** called **Ezeogo, Igwe, eze**, etc

SOME MAIN TOWNS

**Abakaliki, Ehugbo or Afikpo,
Onueke, Uburu, Okposi, Ekoli,
Owutu, Amasiri, Iboko,
Nkalagu, Ezillo, Ezzamgbo,
Ishieke, Nwezenyi, Nwofe,
Ebunwana, Agubia, Onuebonyi
Echara Ikwo, Iziogo**

THE PEOPLE OF EBONYI STATE

- **The people are mainly agrarians, hardworking honest and industrious**
- **They are endowed with very rich cultural heritage**

OUR OCCUPATION



- **FARMERS:** *Most Ebonyians are farmers,*
- *we Produce yams, rice, cassava, palm oil, melon, local beans ,fruits. **Please try out our yam and urazi oil***

OTHER OCCUPATIONS

- **Fisher men**
- **Civil servants**
- **Traders/Business men**
- **Miners/Quarry Workers**
- **Public servants**

OUR GREETINGS

- **TOKWEHU**
- **JOKWA**
- **KAA**
- **OSHIADU**
- **NDEWO**
- **LEEKPA**



LANGUAGES SPOKEN HERE

- **Igbo language is the major language spoken by Ebonyi people, with dialect clusters in;**
- **EHUGBO** by Afikpo North
- **IZZI** by Izzi people
- **Ezza** by Ezza people
- **Ikwo** by Ikwo people
- **Unwara** by unwara people
- **Akpoha** by Akpoha people
- **onicha** by onicha people
- **Okposi** by Okposi people
- **Uburu** by Uburu people, etc



LANGUAGES SPOKEN HERE

- **Another distinct language spoken in Ebonyi is Orrin language spoken by Koring people who predominantly live in Okpoto, Ogbomo, Effium, Amuda, Ntezi.**
- **Their group of dialects include; kukele, mbembe, legbo, etc**

CULTURAL HERITAGE

- Nkwa umuagbogho
- Ogbaligbo
- Itutara
- Odabara
- Igbede
- Igbiri
- Edege
- Nkwa nwite
- Ichengara dance
- okperegede

**PEOPLE &
CULTURE**



MARKET DAYS



- **IKWO: 8 markets days** (*Igboji, ore, ekoyo, Nwankwo. Eke, Eke, Nchonu, Aphagu, Nwankwo Igboji*)
- **Ezza: 4 market days** (*Nkwo, Eke, Orye, Awho*)
- **Izzi: 5 market days** (*Iboko, Okpo, Nkwegu, Ophoke, Azua*)
- **Edda: 3 market days** (*Afor Owutu, Eke oso, Ori Eibunwana evening market*)
- **Ehugbo: 4 market days** (*Eke, Ori, Aho, Nkwo*)

OUR FOOD AND DRINKS

- **OUR FOOD:** *pounded yam(usually molded into a small ball and swallowed), esesa soup, ohe sharara (nsala soup) Egburuegbu soup, Ashiboko (groundnut soup), akparata soup, egusi soup, ogbonno soup, roasted yam and plaintain,*
- **Delicacies and SNACKS:** *Isiewu(goat head), nkwobi(cow tail or leg), roasted fish(point and kill),okazi, corn pear/coconut, aki na ukwa, plantain chips, banana and groundnut, roasted groundnut, okpa*
- **DRINKS:** *kunu, zobo, soya milk, tiger nut drink , Palm wine, beer, kpeteshi (local gin)*

SOLID MINERALS

- ***Lead, Limestone, zinc, Marble, gypsum, quarrying reserves, coal, salt, clay, marble stones, laterites, sand, uranium, Igneous rocks, phosphates etc***

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

In villages:

Hunting

Village wrestling

Moonlight plays



IN TOWNS:

GOLF COURSE
Abakaliki recreation club
Clubs
Amusement parks
Joints,
Eateries
Beaches



RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES



OUR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

- ❖ **Green Lake Government house Abakaliki**
- ❖ **Ndibe Sand Beach Afikpo**
- ❖ **Amancho Cave Afikpo South**
- ❖ **Uburu Salt Lake**
- ❖ **Juju Hill, Hilltop Abakaliki**
- ❖ **Ndinkashi Sand Beach, Amegu Ikwo**
- ❖ **Fish Stream Ewueze Uburu**
- ❖ **Ishiagu Pottery Works Ishiagu, Ivo LGA**
- ❖ **Abakaliki Greater Rice Husk Abakailiki LGA**
- ❖ **Nwambeke Waterfall, Idembia, Ezza south LGA**
- ❖ **Libolo valley, Edda, Afikpo south**
- ❖ **Egg hill Mkpuma Ekwuoku Ndieze , Izzi LGA**

FESTIVALS

- **NEW YAM FESTIVAL** (*ojiji, oke aku, nnejioha, Igba nzu,*) every zone of the state has a day set aside for the new yam festival and its normally announced , plan to attend one (August
- **ETOFIA AKAEZE HUNTING festival**
- **OKPURU UKE FISHING festival** (*there are ponds called okpuru that nobody is allowed to enter until a particular time of the year to harvest fish and in some fish is not harvested*
- **UKPO AND OLO FESTIVALS** (*initiation for men and women in Edda*)
- **NDAGHA FESTIVAL Asaga Owutu Edda** (*rite of passage into womanhood*)
- **MARRIAGE AND BURIAL CEREMONIES.** (*plan to attend one to witness how its done*)

PICTURES OF FESTIVALS



PLACES OF WORSHIP

- **Catholic churches**(*St Theresa Abakpa, St Johns Okaugwu, st Patrick's kpirikpiri, St Joseph Cas campus, St Lukes Presco campus etc*
- **Anglican**(*All saints Anglican cathedral off Ogoja road, Anglican church adjacent kpiripiri market)*
- **Presbyterian church**(*st peter kpirikpiri, reformed Presbyterian Abakpa , St Andrew Azuyiokwu*)
- **Methodist church**(*Methodist cathedral water works by ogoja road, Wesley Methodist Onwe road*)
- **Assemblies of God church**(*district head quarters Ezza road, Mberi street*
- **Winners** chapel
- **Dominion** city
- **Redeem** Christian Church of God
- **Mosques**

MAJOR HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

- **Alex Ekweme Teaching Hospital(Fetha 1 and 2) Abakaliki**
- **General Hospitals across all 13 LGAS**
- **Mile 4 Hospital Abakaliki**
- **Mater Misericordiae hospital Afikpo**
- **Presbyterian joint hospital Uburu**
- **St Vincent's hospital Ndubia**
- **We have many privately owned health facilities**
- **Ebonyi State University medical center**

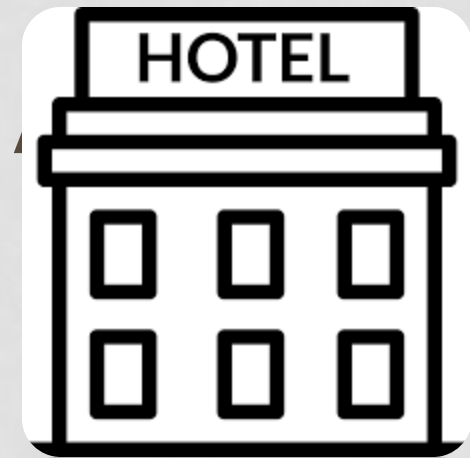


DRUG STORES/PHARMACY

- **Mid town pharmacy**
- **Ekoh drugs water works Ai**
- **Gordal**
- **Ceno pharmacy**
- **Aziel**
- **Sun pharmacy**
- **Octovia pharmacy stores limited 29 water works**
- **Clanol pharmacy 28 ogoja road Ai**

HOTELS AND RESTURANTS

- OSBORNE LA PALM HOTEL MILE 50, ABAKALIKI
- CLAVARO HOTEL AND SUITES , ONWE ROAD, ABAKALIKI
- HOTEL GENEZA ONWE ROAD
- MONALISS HOTELS AND SUITES- NNOROM STREET AI
- PASTORAL CENTER- MILE 50
- GRACE COURT HOTELS- NNA STREET ,
- CRUNCHIES
- VEGAS
- MR BIGGSS



BANKING INSTITUTIONS

- ❖ **First bank Plc**
- ❖ **Union bank plc**
- ❖ **Guaranty trust bank(GTB)**
- ❖ **Zenith bank plc**
- ❖ **Access bank plc**
- ❖ **Access diamond bank plc**
- ❖ **Fidelity bank**
- ❖ **Ebsu micro Finance bank**
- ❖ **Polarise bank**
- ❖ **Etc**

SECURITY SERVICES

- **IMMIGRATION** office along Enugu Abakaliki express road(you must ensure your international passport is valid and carry along as you travel around)
- **FEDERAL** road safety corps(drivers license, spare tire, fire extinguisher etc)
- **POLICE** headquarters opposite government house Abakaliki
- **STATE SECURITY SERVICE (DSS)** centenary city, Abakaliki



MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Tricycle called keke**
- **Okada(motorcycle)**
- **Township buses but for all routes**
- **Inter state journeys(luxurious buses, Peace mass transit, GUO, ifeshinachi etc**
- **Airport(in Enugu 45 mins from Abakaliki, Calabar 3 hours from Abakaliki)**



MARKETS AND SHOPPING PLACES

- *Abakpa market central business district Kpirikpiri market*
- *Aha ohuu along Enugu Abakaliki Express road*
- *Roban stores at mile 50 Abakaliki*
- *His Grace supermarket old Kpirikpiri*
- *Confidence super market opposite the post office*
- *Panda super market Ogoja road*

COST OF LIVING

- **House rent:** (A) *One room en-suit(90 to 150 thousand naira a year)* (B) *Flat or Apartment costs 120 to 500 thousand naira a year*
- **Food:** *A good plate of food costs from NGN 300 to NGN 2, 500*
- **Electricity:** *Is never constant, so anytime there is light you must try and finish all you have to do*
- **Laundry places:** *All around town. Costs from 200 for shirt to NGN 700 for suits*
- **Water supply:** *Public source Is not always available, but there is borehole and well to supplement*

CHALLENGES

- **Mosquitoes and malaria**
- **Dust/Flood**
- **Security challenges such as cultists, the acts are occultic and private to members, they could be explained away as “bullies”**

REMEDY

- **Choose your friends carefully**
- **Watch where you go to and do not stay late nights**
- **Any sign of fever contact the university health clinic**
- **For light , generator, solar panels remains an option**
- **Use insecticide treated mosquito nets**

THANK YOU!

