



Poorest States in Nigeria Checklist

1. Sokoto

- **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI): 91%**
- **Key Issues:**
 - **Poor infrastructure**
 - **Limited access to education**
 - **Insufficient healthcare**
 - **High unemployment**
- **Notable Initiatives:**
 - **Social safety net programs**
 - **Agricultural development projects**
 - **NGO interventions**

2. Bayelsa

- **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI): 88.5%**
- **Key Issues:**
 - **Oil exploration disrupting agriculture and fishing**
 - **High unemployment**
 - **Poor clean water and sanitation**
- **Notable Initiatives:**
 - **Skill development programs**
 - **Efforts to improve access to the oil sector**

3. Jigawa

- **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI): 84.3%**
- **Key Issues:**
 - **Poor healthcare and education**
 - **Inefficient farming techniques**
 - **Low literacy rates in rural areas**
- **Notable Initiatives:**
 - **Improved agricultural techniques and infrastructure**

4. Gombe

- **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI): 86.2%**
- **Key Issues:**
 - **Harsh geographical conditions (dry and hot land)**
 - **Poor transportation infrastructure**
 - **Limited economic opportunities**
- **Notable Initiatives:**
 - **Efforts to improve agricultural practices**

5. Plateau

- **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI): 84%**
- **Key Issues:**
 - **High violence and insecurity**
 - **Inadequate infrastructure**
 - **Agricultural challenges due to lack of rain**
- **Notable Initiatives:**
 - **Initiatives to improve safety and infrastructure**

6. Kebbi

- **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI): 83.5%**
- **Key Issues:**
 - **Seasonal flooding disrupting agriculture**
 - **Underutilized irrigation systems**
 - **Extreme temperatures affecting farming**
- **Notable Initiatives:**

- Flood management and irrigation development

7. Zamfara

- **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI): 82%**
- **Key Issues:**
 - Severe insecurity (cattle rustling, banditry)
 - Disrupted economic activities and agriculture
 - Reluctance of businesses to invest
- **Notable Initiatives:**
 - Security enhancement efforts

8. Ebonyi

- **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI): 81%**
- **Key Issues:**
 - Poor infrastructure (roads, electricity)
 - Inefficient transportation of agricultural products
 - Limited irrigation systems
- **Notable Initiatives:**
 - Infrastructure development projects

9. Adamawa

- **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI): 80%**
- **Key Issues:**
 - Overreliance on agriculture
 - Limited job opportunities outside agriculture
 - Economic instability
- **Notable Initiatives:**
 - Economic diversification efforts

10. Katsina

- **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI): Not specified, but among the poorest**
- **Key Issues:**
 - Limited access to education and skill development

- High poverty despite hardworking residents
- **Notable Initiatives:**
 - Investment in education and vocational training programs

Summary Notes

- **Common Challenges:** Poor infrastructure, limited healthcare and education, high unemployment, and environmental factors.
- **Common Initiatives:** Focus on improving infrastructure, healthcare, education, and agricultural practices, as well as addressing security issues.
- **Regional Variations:** Different states face unique challenges such as flooding, insecurity, and geographical constraints.

This checklist can serve as a quick reference to understand the key issues and initiatives related to the poorest states in Nigeria.



