# EBONYI STATE: SALT OF THE NATION

Ebonyi is a state in south-east Nigeria. It is inhabited and populated primarily by the Igbos. Its capital and largest city is Abakaliki. Other major townships include Afikpo, Onueke, Edda, Onicha, etc. It was one of the 6 states created in 1996 by the then Federal Military Government. The state was created from parts of both Enugu State and Abia State.

Ebonyi is primarily an agricultural region. It is a leading producer of rice, yam, potatoes, maize, beans, and cassava in Nigeria. Rice and yams are predominantly cultivated in Edda, a region within the state. Ebonyi has several solid mineral resources, including lead, crude oil, and natural gas, but few large-scale commercial mining mines.

Ebonyi State consist of thirteen (13) local government areas; they are:

- Abakaliki
- Afikpo north
- Afikpo south
- Ebonyi
- Ezza north
- Ezza south
- Ikwo
- Ishielu
- Ivo
- Izzi
- Ohoazara
- Ohaukwu
- Onicha