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2022

NATIONAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Child Health Card

Bring card to every visit and keep safe after completion of vaccination

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DATE OF NEXT VACCINATION	
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CHILD INFORMATION (Write in CAPITAL letters)

Card Number: 00000000000000000000

Child's Name: MARYA KADUNA

Date of Birth: 15/05/2020

Birth Certificate No: 00000000000000000000

Mother's Name: MARYA KADUNA

Father's Name: MARYA KADUNA

Child's name: MARYA KADUNA

Constant Residence: MARYA KADUNA

Village/Parish: MARYA KADUNA

HEALTH FACILITY INFORMATION

PHC Facility: MARYA KADUNA

LGA: MARYA KADUNA

State: MARYA KADUNA

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CHILD INFORMATION (Write in CAPITAL letters)

Child Number: 1074

Date of Birth: 10/01/2022

Birth Certificate No: 1074

Mother's Name: Abdullahi Yusuf

Father's Name: Abdullahi Yusuf

Address: 1074

HEALTH FACILITY INFORMATION

PHC Facility: 1074

LC: 1074

Town: 1074

+ Abbreviations and Acronyms



AfriYAN	African Youth and Adolescents Network on Population and Development
AR	Annual Report
AVAT	African Vaccine Acquisition Trust
BHCPF	Basic Health Care Provision Fund
CCT	Certificate of Completion of Training
CHWP	Community Health Watch Project
EPIET	European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training
FHC	Future of Health Conference
FP	Family Planning
GBINAP	Giving Birth in Nigeria Advocacy Project
GPAP	Global Policy Advocacy Project
MNCH	Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
NAPHS	National Action Plan for Health Security
NBSC	National Blood Service Commission
NCDC	Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention
NHS	National Health Service
NICD	National Institute for Communicable Diseases
PE	Prevent Epidemics
PEP	Prevent Epidemics Project
PHC	Primary Healthcare Centre
RTSL	Resolve To Save Lives
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SJAIP	Solutions Journalism Africa Initiative Project
SJN	Solutions Journalism Network
SM	Social Media
UHC	Universal Health Coverage
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WaSH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WHO	World Health Organization

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Dr ZAINAB IMAM obtained her medical degree from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria in 1991, followed by training at the University College Hospital in Ibadan in General Practice. Dr Imam retrained as

a Psychiatrist in the UK, obtaining her CCT in General Adult Psychiatry with endorsement in Rehabilitation Psychiatry and Subspecialty interests in Early Intervention in Psychosis and Perinatal Psychiatry. She has worked in Psychiatry for 15 years and currently works at Sidra Medicine in Qatar where she is the Acting Division Chief and Medical Students Clerkship Director for Women's Mental Health.

She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists where she chairs the International Workroom of the Perinatal Faculty. She also holds a one-year Intermediate Certificate from the University of Plymouth in Psychodynamic Psychotherapy. She is a Co-Founder and Trustee of the Foundation for Refugees Economic Empowerment (FREE), a Trustee of Nigeria IDP Diaspora Support Group and a Faculty of its Lay Trauma Counseling Course.



Dr IKE ANYA is a Partner at EpiAFRIC and manages all engagements in Western Europe. Until recently, he was a Consultant in Public Health Medicine, Deputy Director of Public Health with the

UK National Health Service in London, and an honorary lecturer in Public Health at Imperial College. A Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health, he has taught at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), Imperial College, University College London, the University of the West of England, and Bristol University.

A lead partner for the General Medical Council, he is a member of the Black & Ethnic Minority Health and Epidemiology & Public Health Section Council at the Royal Society of Medicine and a member of the Advisory Committee for Medecins Du Monde's Project: London. He is a co-founder of the Abuja Literary Society, the Nigerian Public Health Foundation, and the Nigeria Health Watch. He is a TED Global Fellow and cofounder of TEDxEuston.



Dr CHIKWE IHEKWEAZU is the Assistant Director-General at the World Health Organization (WHO), leading the WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence. Prior to this, Dr. Ihekweazu was the first Director-

General of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and led the agency between July 2016 and October 2021. Dr Ihekweazu trained as an infectious disease epidemiologist and has over 25 years of experience working in senior public health and leadership positions at the South African National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD), the UK's Health Protection Agency, and Germany's Robert Koch Institute (RKI).

Dr Ihekweazu has led several short-term engagements for WHO, mainly in response to major infectious disease outbreaks. He is a graduate of the College of Medicine, University of Nigeria, and has a master's in public health (MPH) from the Heinrich-Heine University, Dusseldorf, Germany. In 2003, he was awarded a Fellowship for the European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (EPIET), completing his Public Health specialization in the UK. He was a co-founder of TEDxEuston.



Dr OLUSOLA ARUNA is a Fellow of the United Kingdom Faculty of Public Health (FPH). Dr Aruna qualified as a doctor in 1984 from the University of Ife, Nigeria. She gained her master's in public health (MPH) with distinction

from the University of Leeds in 1996 as a British Chevening Scholar and holds a Diploma in Child Health (DCH) from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. Dr Aruna was appointed Consultant in Public Health Medicine in the UK National Health Service (NHS) in 2007 and has worked on the identification, assessment, analysis, and use of data and other information for decision-making, including the control of communicable diseases.

Dr Aruna supported the design, implementation, and evaluation of surveillance systems in Nigeria as a Senior Technical Advisor on Surveillance to the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control, under the USAID-funded MEASURE Evaluation Project. She is currently the country lead for Public Health England's (PHE) International Health Regulations (IHR) Strengthening Programme in Nigeria.

+ Overview



We remained committed to our mission of promoting health awareness, enhancing healthcare delivery, and advocating for equitable access to high-quality healthcare services for all Nigerians throughout 2022. We continued to make significant progress towards a healthier Nigeria through our committed efforts and strategic partnerships.

Our organisation's vision is to create a Nigeria in which every citizen has access to quality healthcare, and our mission is to amplify the voices of Nigerians and catalyse policy change in order to achieve this mission. We have been at the forefront of promoting positive change in the Nigerian healthcare sector, thanks to our committed team and strong partnerships.

Our programmes and initiatives aimed to influence the Nigerian healthcare sector in 2022. Through health campaigns, community engagement initiatives, policy advocacy efforts, and knowledge dissemination via our various digital media platforms, we reached millions of Nigerians with vital health information. Our communication campaigns achieved measurable impact, and our advocacy efforts pushed to influence policy change to ensure improved efforts of Nigeria Health Watch which had a significant influence in 2022.

Partnerships have been critical to our success. We formed strategic partnerships with government agencies, international organisations, healthcare institutions, and other stakeholders in 2022. These collaborations strengthened our efforts and facilitated knowledge sharing, resource mobilisation, and collaborative action to address Nigeria's health challenges.

Our communication efforts raised awareness and pushed to influence behaviour, and health outcomes. Case studies and testimonies showcase our work's transformative benefits, highlighting tangible advances in healthcare delivery across Nigeria. We also had to face our challenges head-on in 2022, despite systemic issues in the healthcare sector. We do, however, recognise emerging opportunities and trends that offer opportunities for growth and innovation. We remain resolute and adaptable, leveraging opportunities to drive positive change in the Nigerian healthcare landscape.

Finally, Nigeria Health Watch made progress towards our aim of improving healthcare in Nigeria in 2022. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our employees, partners, donors, and supporters for their contributions to our success. Looking ahead, we are determined to continue our efforts to build a healthier Nigeria, focusing on strategic priorities that are aligned with the evolving needs of our communities.



Vivianne Ihekweazu
Managing Director

+ Who We Are



YEAR FOUNDED
2007



LOCATION
Abuja, Nigeria



EMPLOYEES
26

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

At the inception of Nigeria Health Watch, the founders sought to ensure that health was given a greater priority in Nigeria. The poor state of healthcare in Nigeria has remained a challenge, with minimal improvement in health outcomes. The goal was to communicate to Nigerians the challenges and opportunities in the Nigerian health sector, empowering them with evidence-based information to enable them to advocate for better access to quality healthcare. It was also important to hold duty bearers accountable to deliver on the health promises and policies that would lead to positive change in the Nigerian health sector.

WHAT GUIDES US?

We are guided by the belief that health is a right and all Nigerians should have access to affordable quality healthcare.

+ Mission

Our mission is to ensure that Nigerians have the tools and knowledge to make informed decisions about their health. We seek to advocate for improved access to health services at the federal and state level, promoting transparency and health reform where needed. Nigeria Health Watch aims to achieve this mission through informed commentary, effective advocacy, education, health information dissemination and policy recommendation.

+ Vision

Nigeria Health Watch is committed to working with stakeholders, through advocacy to realize its vision of a Nigeria where all people, irrespective of income, have access to improved and affordable quality health care.

+ Values

Our values are excellence, partnership, collaboration, commitment, and open-mindedness, as we work collectively to advocate for better access to health care for all Nigerians.

CORE BELIEFS

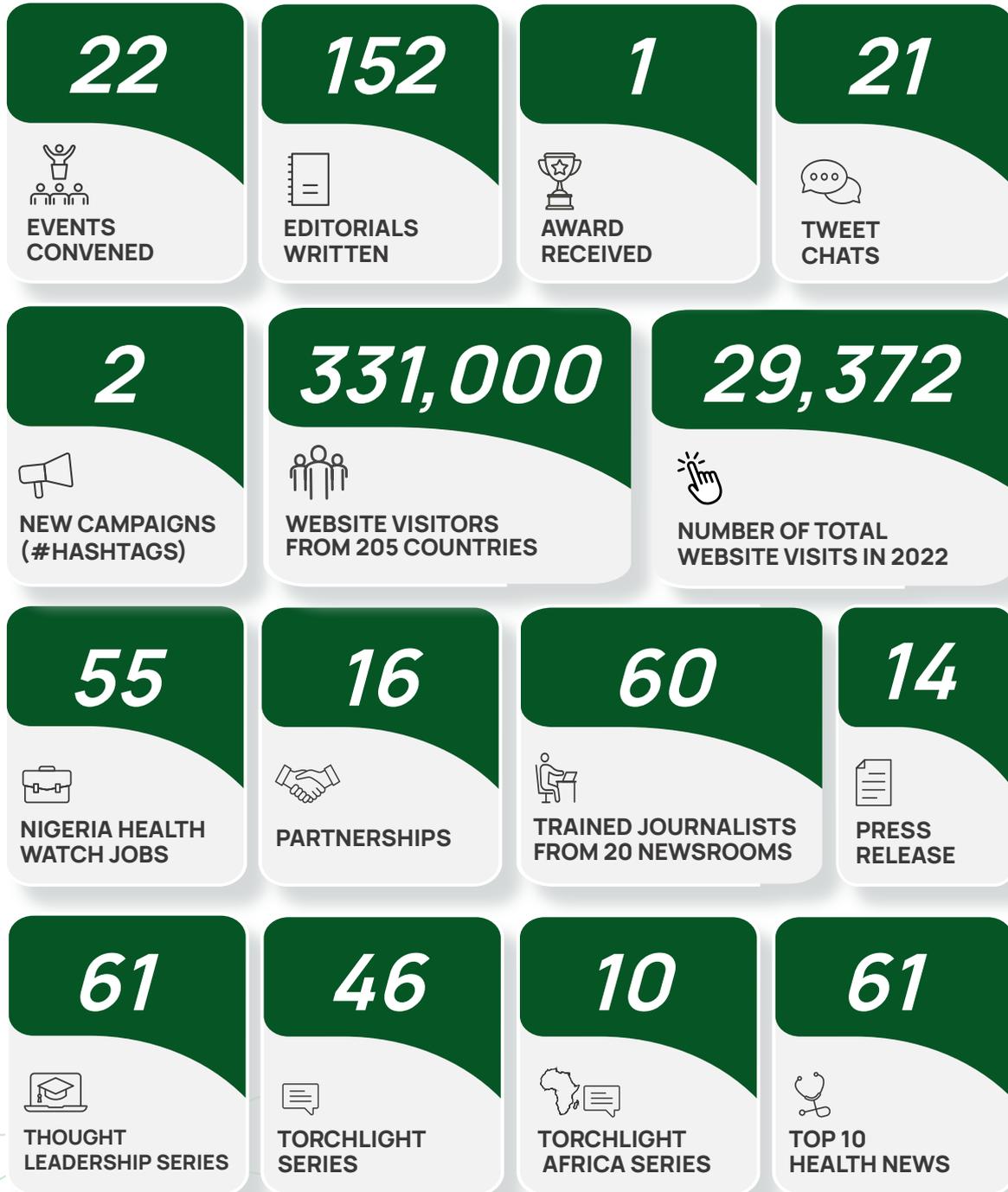
Excellence

Partnership

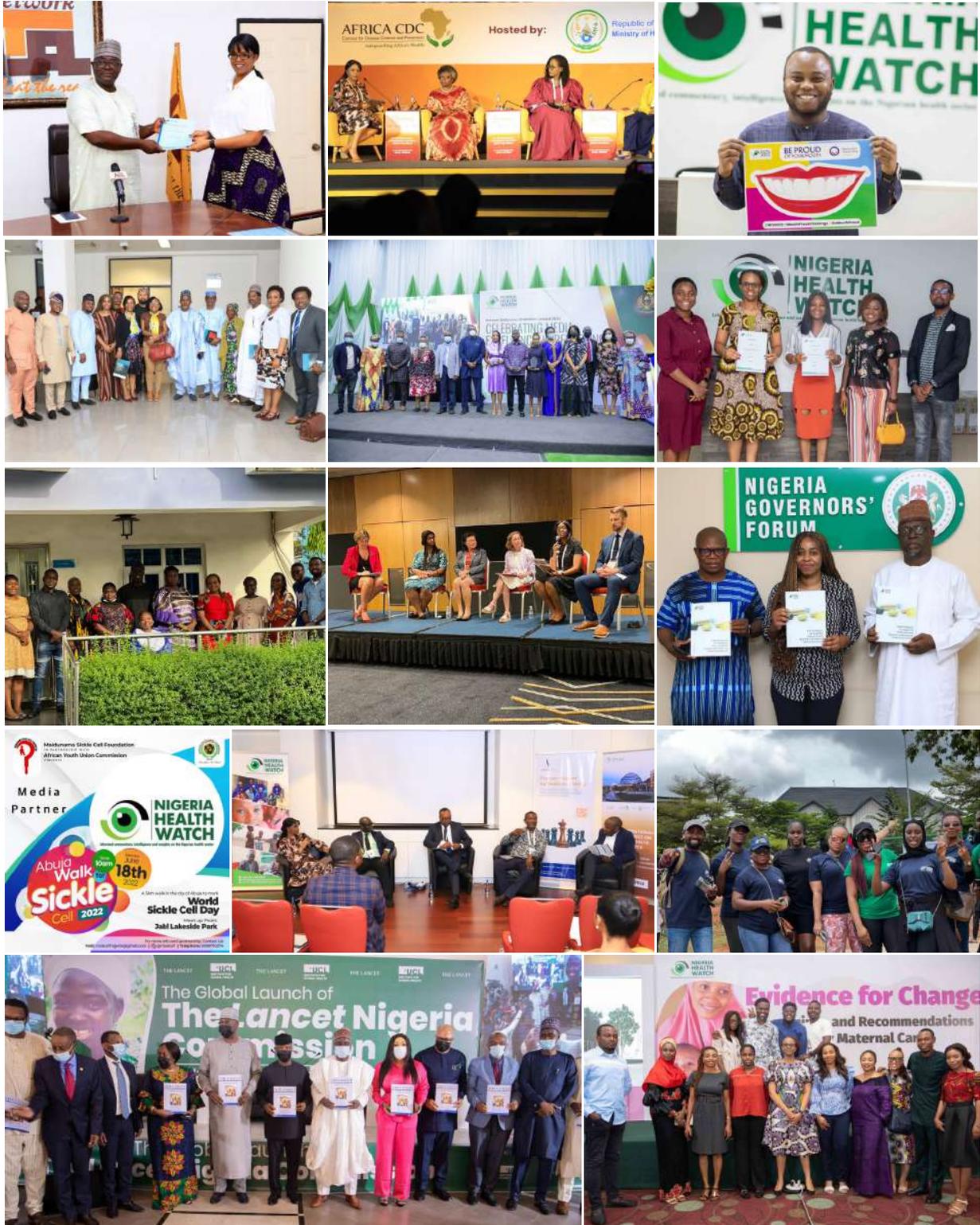
Commitment

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+ 2022 in Numbers



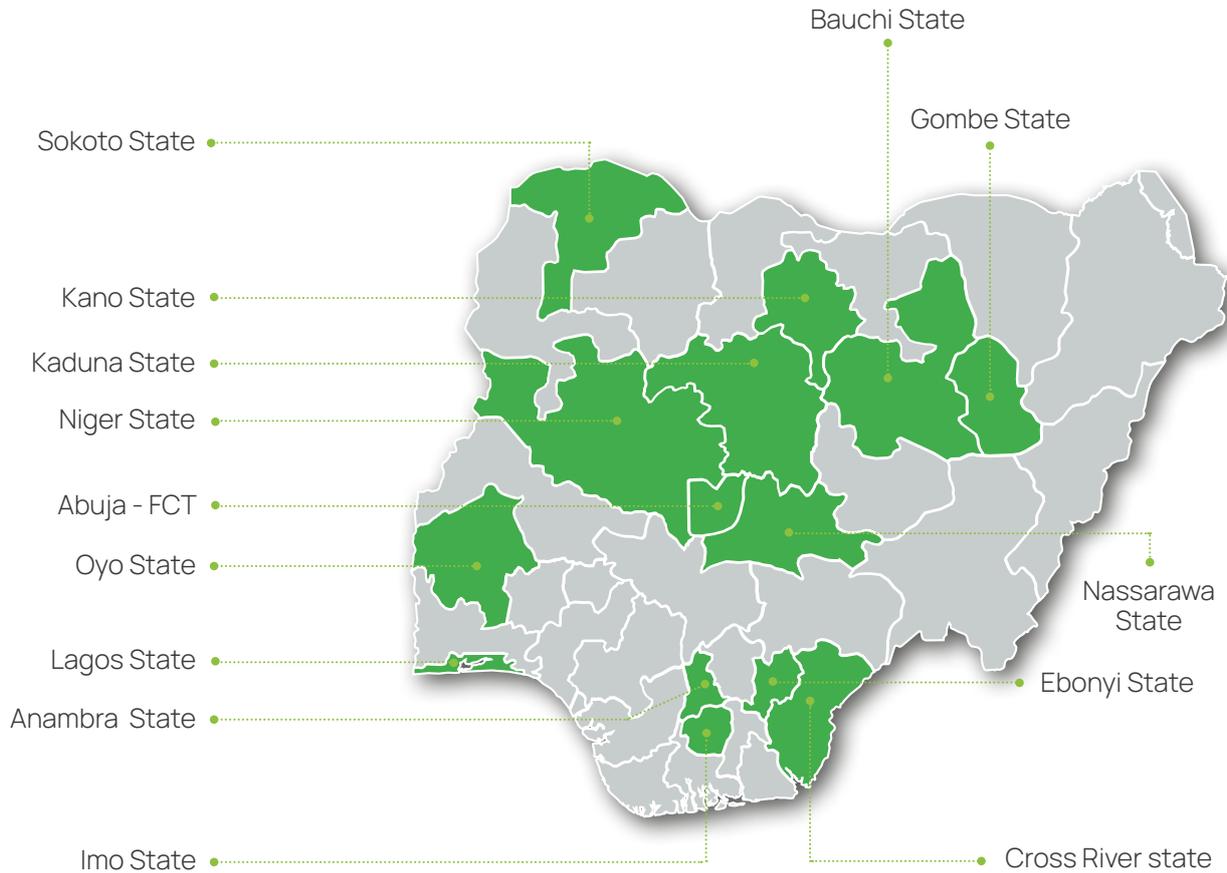
+ 2022 IN PICTURES





LOCATION OF PROJECTS

14 
Locations



Conference/Policy Dialogue



- NIGERIA**
1. Abuja- FCT
 2. Kaduna State
 3. Kano State
 4. Niger State



- RWANDA**
5. Kigali

PROJECTS: WHAT WE ACHIEVED IN 2022

5 
Projects

The Global Policy Advocacy Project



Giving Birth In Nigeria Advocacy Project



Prevent Epidemics Project



Solutions Journalism Africa Initiative Project (SJAi)



Community Health Watch



PROJECTS//2022

The Global Policy Advocacy Project

Funded by: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



ABOUT //

In 2022, Global Policy Advocacy project continued to raise public and policy maker awareness on key health issues, including primary health care, nutrition, routine immunisation & Polio, maternal and child health, universal health coverage, gender equality, health systems strengthening and sexual and reproductive health and rights. Funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the project employed diverse formats and platforms to advocate for these issues, including our editorial, convening strategic events and direct engagements with policy and decision makers, leveraging both social and traditional media.

In 2022, there were two key modifications to the project's implementation: first to the health misinformation project, which now sees the use of online and offline social listening to identify and combat misinformation around key health focus areas; second to the primary health care advocacy, where the Kano State Primary Health Care Development Agency was supported to review their Human Resources for Health in primary health care centres plan, an ongoing support that would provide communications and advocacy support to the State in launching and implementing the plan.

GOAL //

To raise awareness, knowledge and engagement on health issues in Nigeria.

OBJECTIVES //

The project has four key objectives:

- Increase knowledge and awareness of key health focus areas at federal and state levels.
- Increase engagement with decision and policymakers around key health focus areas and salient issues like health security and gender equality.
- Increase accountability in Nigeria's primary health sector by policymakers at federal and state levels.
- Increase salience of key health issues, including gender equality, health security, Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF), contributing to their prioritisation at federal and state level.

OUTCOMES //

- Articles republished on other platforms, e.g. Leadership newspaper, Nigerian Tribune, Punch, All Africa, etc.
- Multiple news mentions on mainstream news papers, e.g. Premium times, the Guardian, DailyTrust, Daily Sun, Sunnews, etc.
- Invitations to provide strategic communications support to major health events and organisations, e.g. the National Council on Health, PHC summit, Health Commissioners PHC forum, 1st Gender and Inclusion Summit, National Health Dialogue, etc.
- Invitations to contribute to policy development and reviews, e.g. food safety policy, National home grown food policy, MPDSR guidelines, etc.
- Winner, 2022 Healthcare media excellence award - online category 4th consecutive winner.

ACHIEVEMENTS //

- Increased knowledge and awareness of the public and policy makers on key health issues, with our audience identifying primary health care (64%), universal health coverage (61%) and maternal health care as the top three most important health issues facing Nigerians today.
- From our 2022 survey to determine the impact of our work, 55% of our audience use their voices to advocate for health issues and 69% of our audience forward our articles/advocacy materials to their network after coming in contact with them.
- Increased engagements with policy and decision makers at subnational level on salient health issues, including health security, the Basic Healthcare Provision Fund (BHCPF), and health systems strengthening.
- Increased awareness of the public and policy makers of health as a focal issue in the election period, putting health at the fore of public discourse ahead of the 2023 general elections.

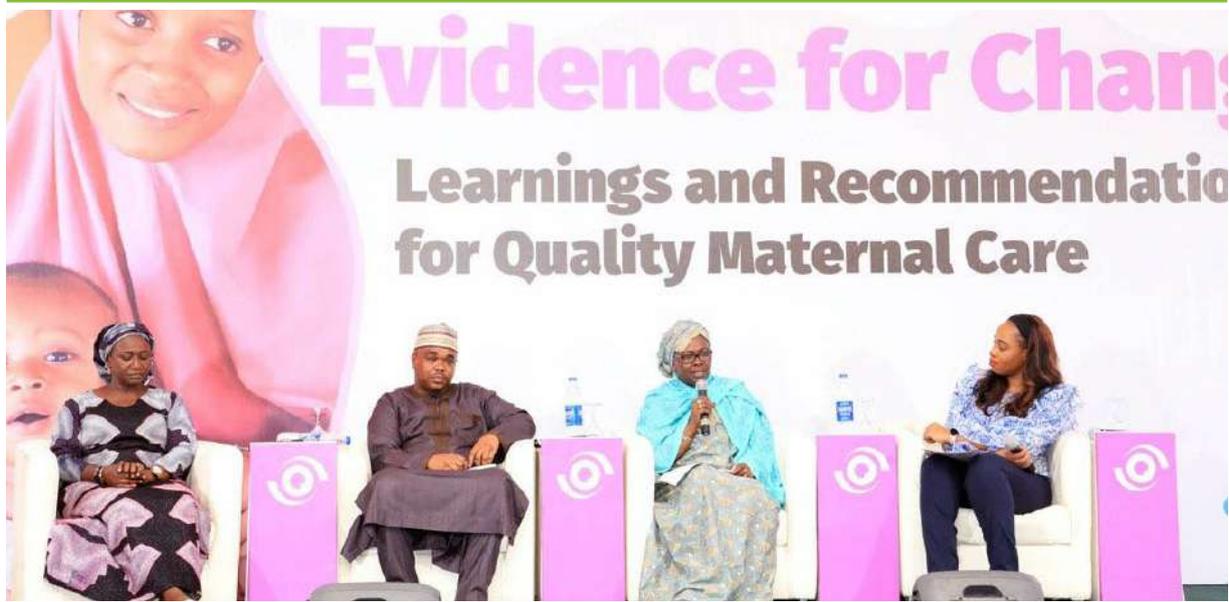


PROJECTS//2022

Giving Birth in Nigeria Project:

Advocacy & Communications for Maternal Health in Nigeria I

Funded by: MSD for Mothers



ABOUT //

Globally, maternal mortality and morbidity continues to be a public health concern, especially in developing countries with high levels of maternal deaths.

Nigeria is the second highest contributor to maternal mortality after India, with an estimated 58,000 maternal deaths occurring in 2015. Despite interventions to reduce these alarming maternal mortality and morbidity levels, considerable gaps remain that need to be addressed. This is partly attributed to inequities faced with access to quality maternal health care. In addition, investing in maternal health has a ripple effect on the entire population of the country.

The death of a mother impacts on the education of her children, it impacts on their nutritional status and on their overall health outcomes. The health of a woman during pregnancy, childbirth and after she gives birth also has a long-term consequence on the health of her child. Healthy mothers lead to healthy families and societies. This needs to be supported by a well-funded health system where patients have access to quality health care.

GOAL //

The project aimed to establish a platform for key stakeholders and influencers in maternal health to come together to proffer solutions for maternal health service delivery in Nigeria and to advocate for better access to quality maternal health medicines and contraceptives in Nigeria.

OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIC APPROACH //

1. Elevate the critical role of quality maternal health care in Nigeria and increase mind share among key national and state level stakeholders and influencers, leveraging relevant events and media to reach target audiences.
2. Create awareness about the impact of poor-quality maternal health medicines on health outcomes among key stakeholders, particularly those with the capacity to influence changes.
3. Strengthen the case to cascade the provision of quality primary health care including family planning services through existing private sector and community structures by developing a visually compelling documentary.



OUTPUT //

1. Key advocacy messages disseminated across social media, radio, broadcast, events, and print, providing critical insights into the need for better quality of maternal health care for women in Nigeria.
2. A "Quality of Medicines" report that provides a brief overview on Nigeria's procurement system for maternal health medicines.
3. A documentary showing how the IntegratE project is delivering primary health care and family planning services to hard-to-reach communities, bringing value to the community through a tiered accreditation model for Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendors and Community Pharmacists.



OUTCOMES //

1. Invitation to provide technical input on the Technical Working Group responsible for the review of the updated national Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Review (MPDSR) policy document.
2. Commitments from the health division of the Nigeria Governors Forum to ensure state-level compliance of the recommendations for improved procurement of maternal medicines, provided in the Quality of Medicines report.



PROJECTS//2022

Prevent Epidemics Project

Funded by: The Global Health Advocacy Incubator



ABOUT //

Preventing Epidemics through increasing public and policymaker awareness and demand for epidemic preparedness funding increases at the Federal level, Lagos and Kano states.

GOAL //

The overall goal of this project is to build and demonstrate public and policymaker awareness and demand for epidemic preparedness funding increases at the Federal level, Lagos and Kano States through advocacy and communications.

OBJECTIVES //

1. To strengthen reportage of epidemic preparedness and response within the media at the national level, Lagos and Kano States.
2. To increase awareness among policymakers and the public in ensuring accountability in the implementation of health budgets and keeping epidemic preparedness at the forefront of the sub-national agenda ahead of the 2023 national elections.

OUTPUTS //

A total of 30 journalists trained on accurate reportage of epidemic preparedness and response across Lagos and Kano States.

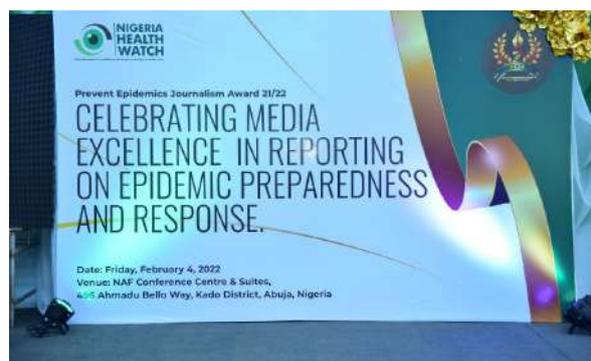
3 stories sponsored and one editorial published. We have also organized three twitter spaces targeted at increasing awareness among policymakers and the public in ensuring accountability in the implementation of health budgets and keeping epidemic preparedness at the forefront of the sub-national agenda ahead of the 2023 national elections.

OUTCOMES //

1. Increased local capacity to report epidemic preparedness and response.
2. Improved knowledge of the need for increased reportage around epidemic preparedness.
3. Increased knowledge of the key role the media plays in reporting on epidemic preparedness and pushing for more funding.

ACHIEVEMENTS //

1. The media is a critical stakeholder in influencing the perception of people towards any issue. Through the Prevent Epidemics Project, we have continued to engage with the media through training and earned and paid media coverage of epidemic preparedness advocacy activities. We believe that policymakers and the public are more receptive to issues around health security in Nigeria through the increase in informed and accurate reporting of epidemic preparedness issues.
2. As we are now in an election year, most of the advocacy efforts have been targeted towards increasing priority for health and health security on the political agenda. We have consistently engaged the public as well as policy makers on the importance of keeping epidemic preparedness at the forefront of the national and sub-national agenda ahead of the 2023 national elections.
3. We have also been able to engage and mobilise delegates from the public and private sector including civil society organisations, national and subnational government representatives, private sector, academia, and multilateral organisations to discuss the political determinants of health that shape the distribution of resources; and the interplay between the political, social, and economic factors that shape individual and population health outcomes; and how to create a national health service that meets the needs of all Nigerians. We were able to promote the importance of politics on health and hence health security through the Future of Health Conference, as well as strategize on how to move Nigeria closer to attaining UHC by ensuring political leaders prioritize healthcare.



PROJECTS//2022

Solutions Journalism Africa Initiative Project

Funded by: Solutions Journalism Network



ABOUT //

As the world continues to face a myriad of problems, the media landscape is usually inundated with problem-focused reportage. It requires being more deliberate to avoid focusing reports only on problems and not the efforts put into addressing them. This is where Solutions Journalism plays a key role as it shows journalists and newsrooms how to report beyond the problems they see everyday to what is being done to address them.

GOAL //

To increase the integration of Solutions Journalism in Nigeria's media landscape by training and mentoring newsrooms and freelance journalists. Also produce up to 300 solutions-focused stories.

OBJECTIVES //

1. Train and provide mentorship to 3 journalists each from 30 newsrooms to produce solutions journalism stories.
2. Select 10 freelance/newsroom journalists to produce and spread the practice of solutions journalism.
3. Support a cohort of 6 beacon newsrooms who have shown commitment to integrate solutions journalism in their newsroom.
4. Engage in activities that promote the practice of solutions journalism in Nigeria.

OUTPUTS //

1. Trained two cohorts of media organisations comprising 20 newsrooms and 60 journalists.
2. Selected, trained and mentored 10 journalists as part of the 2nd cohort of the Solutions Journalism Africa fellowship.
3. Mentor newsrooms and fellows to publish over 150 solutions focused stories.
4. Supported the expansion of solutions journalism in higher institutions and other journalism communities.
5. Supported journalists to investigate and highlight efforts addressing various public health and social problems.

OUTCOMES //

1. Newsrooms supported in the project are integrating solutions journalism in their practice by setting up dedicated solutions journalism desks.
2. Journalists are accessing opportunities as a result of adopting the practice. A journalist who participated got a fully funded opportunity to cover the United States Mid-term elections after sharing insights from his solutions journalism training.
3. All public sector media organisations have participated in the project and are making significant strides in their adoption. The News Agency of Nigeria received approval from the Senate to use funds from their internally generated revenue to run their dedicated solutions journalism desk which was set up after they participated in the initiative.

ACHIEVEMENTS //

Gained recognition in the Nigeria media space and beyond as leaders in the practice of solutions journalism and receiving multiple request to mentor and support other organisations within and outside Nigeria.



PROJECTS//2022

Community Health Watch

Funded by: Nigeria Health Watch



ABOUT //

Delivery of primary healthcare services in rural communities in Nigeria has been a challenge over the years. Consistent lack of investment has left primary healthcare centres, which are mostly in communities without the capacity to deliver quality healthcare services to community members. In most communities, primary healthcare centres are crippled by poor infrastructure, inadequate human resources for health, lack of essential medication, lack of access to water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities among others, with community members and health workers left to bear the brunt accessing and providing care.

To improve accountability in the Nigerian health sector, especially primary healthcare which is the bedrock of Nigeria's health system, Nigeria Health Watch in August 2021 initiated the Community Health Watch project to monitor and report on access and delivery of primary health care services, as well as other challenges in rural communities. The project was piloted in three Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Niger State from August 2021 to December 2021.

GOAL //

To improve accountability in the delivery of primary healthcare services by providing a platform to hear the voices of community members and health care providers as they share their experiences accessing and providing healthcare.

OBJECTIVES //

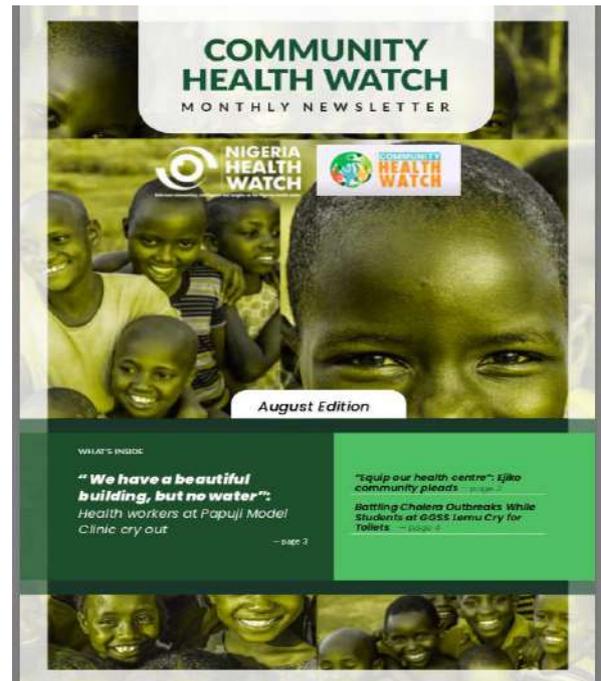
1. Amplify good practice and challenge poor practice in primary healthcare delivery in Nigeria.
2. Highlight challenges faced by health facilities in rural communities in providing care.
3. Present policy makers and stakeholders with evidence around the experiences of community members accessing healthcare in rural communities.
4. Hold decision makers accountable on the delivery of primary healthcare services and push for improved service delivery in communities.

OUTCOMES //

1. Produced 38 reports from various rural communities.
2. Conducted five townhall engagement meetings in Niger State and the Federal Capital Territory.
3. Held primary healthcare stakeholders policy dialogue meeting in Kano State in June 2022.
4. Invited by the Basic Health Care Provision Fund secretariat to explore areas of partnership to improve accountability in primary healthcare after seeing some of the reports.
5. Held radio shows in local languages in implementing states, with Community members phoning in to share their experiences.

ACHIEVEMENT //

Reports have improved stakeholders engagement in addressing some of the issues raised.



MEDIA APPEARANCES // 2022

Newspaper Mentions

The Guardian Home Nigeria World Politics Sport Opinion Features

Health

Reducing maternal deaths via evidence-based interventions

By **Chukwuma Muanya**
09 June 2022 | 2:44 am

Evidence for Change: Women's Empowerment and Recommendations for Quality Maternal Care

Managing Director Nigeria Health Watch, Mrs. Victoria Ndumem (second), (Center) Deputy Govt, Nini David (third left), Assistant Manager, Women's Wellbeing, Africa HealthCare, Chigwem Okonkwo (second left), Deputy Country Director, Jhpiego, Dr. Chigbo Okoli (second right), and Director of Policy & Advocacy, Nigeria Health Watch, Dr. Babatunji-Toni (right), at a programme titled, "Evidence for Change: Learning and Recommendations for Quality Maternal Care", held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, in Abuja (left).

Nigeria Health Watch, WHO, and other stakeholders propose a roadmap for policy implementation, and better maternal health care

Recent figures indicate that Nigeria has one of the highest maternal mortality ratios, 914 per 100,000 live births, estimated to account for 19 per cent of the global maternal deaths.

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Roadblock to women's access to quality health care

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PREMIUM Times

Participants at the 2022 future of health conference themed; "The political economy of health; investing in the future of Nigeria"

Nigerian experts discuss benefits of investing in reproductive health (LIVE UPDATES)

The event aims to provide a high-level platform for key stakeholders in policy, governance, economics and healthcare to discuss the factors that influence Nigeria's health policies.

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Lancet Report: Why Nigeria Urgently Needs to Improve Access to Healthcare

BY NOLAN BISS

Healthcare financing is a complex issue that involves many stakeholders, including the government, private sector, and donors. The Lancet report highlights the need for a multi-stakeholder approach to improve access to healthcare in Nigeria.

The report notes that Nigeria's health system is underfunded and inefficient, with a significant portion of the population lacking access to basic healthcare services. It calls for a shift in government spending to prioritize health and for increased private sector investment in the health sector.

The report also emphasizes the importance of strengthening health systems, including improving the quality of care, increasing the capacity of health workers, and enhancing the efficiency of health services. It suggests that a combination of these measures is needed to achieve sustainable health outcomes in Nigeria.

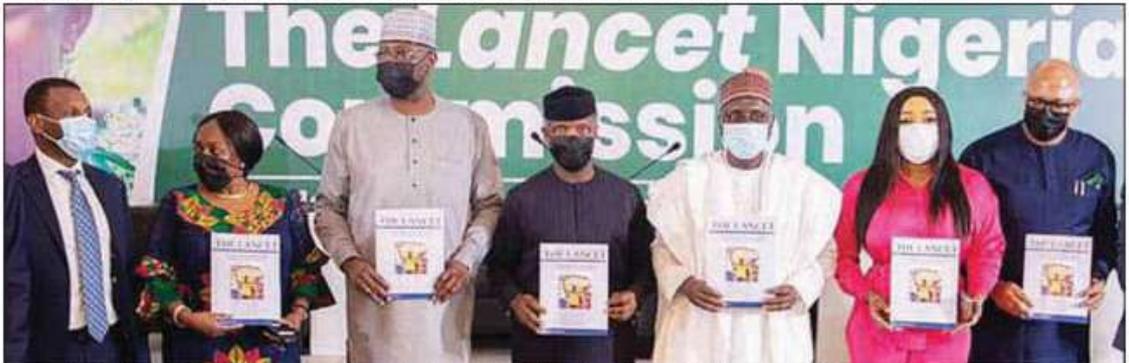
The report concludes that improving access to healthcare is not only a moral imperative but also an economic one. A healthy population is more productive and contributes to the country's economic growth. Therefore, investing in healthcare is a strategic investment in Nigeria's future.

HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

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Positioning Nigerians Towards Achieving UHC with 'The Lancet Report'

Sunday Ehigiator writes that the newly commissioned 'Lancet Report' during the 'Global Launch of The Lancet Nigeria Commission', was a step in the right direction for Nigeria to achieve Universal Health Coverage by 2030



L-R: Dean UCL, Population Health Sciences, Prof. Ibrahim Abubakar; Director Public Health, Federal Ministry of Health, Dr. Alex Okoh; Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Mr. Boss Mustapha; Vice President of Nigeria, His Excellency, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo; Chairman, Senate Committee on Health, Senator Ibrahim Olorogbe; Commission for Health Cross River State and National Chairman of Nigeria Health Commissioners Forum, Dr. Betta Edu, and Assistant Director-General Health Emergency Intelligence, WHO, Dr. Chikwe Ikekwazu, at the Global Launch of The Lancet Nigeria Commission recently held in Abuja

In public-health parlance, it is often said that a healthy nation is a wealthy nation. Therefore, the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is about ensuring that people have access to the health care they need without suffering financial hardship.

workable solution applicable to every economic class of Nigerians, a multidisciplinary group of Nigerian academics based in Nigeria and around the world, working in close collaboration with UCL's Institute for Global Health, and policymakers, over two years

all policies. This will require a re-think of governance for health with the establishment of inter-sectoral governance mechanisms that enable measurement of the health impact of different policies to hold all sectors accountable. This includes addressing poor access to

Appraisals of the Report
Appraising the report before officially commissioning it, Vice President Osinbajo said the federal government had placed great emphasis on improving the health of all Nigerians, adding that "routinizing primary health care (PHC) at the



NDC Trains 20 Unemployed Persons in Edo

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FRANCIS OGBURUJIO
The National Development Commission (NDC) has organized a training session for 20 unemployed persons in Edo state. The training was held at the NDC office in Benin City, Edo state, on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. The session was aimed at equipping the unemployed persons with the skills and knowledge necessary to start their own businesses. The NDC officials who attended the session include the Executive Director, NDC, and several staff members. The training covered various topics, including business planning, marketing, and financial management. The NDC officials expressed their commitment to supporting the unemployed persons in Edo state and helping them to achieve financial independence.

Bill to Repeal NSCDC Act Will Check Duplication of Functions – Peller
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NIHOTORU Gears Up for World Gastronomy Day
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Need for Multi-faceted Approach in Achieving Zero Maternal Mortality

At the recently held Nigeria Health Watch's conference in Abuja themed 'Evidence for Change – Learnings and Recommendations for Quality Maternal Care', stakeholders harped on the need for a multifaceted approach toward achieving a world of zero maternal mortality. Sunday Ehigiator reports



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Evidently, the need for a multi-faceted approach in achieving zero maternal mortality is a global challenge. The Nigeria Health Watch (NHW) has organized a conference in Abuja to discuss the need for a multi-faceted approach in achieving zero maternal mortality. The conference was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at the NHW office in Abuja. The session was aimed at discussing the need for a multi-faceted approach in achieving zero maternal mortality. The NHW officials who attended the session include the Executive Director, NHW, and several staff members. The conference covered various topics, including the need for a multi-faceted approach in achieving zero maternal mortality, the role of the government, and the role of the private sector. The NHW officials expressed their commitment to supporting the need for a multi-faceted approach in achieving zero maternal mortality.

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The SDGs built on the gains of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with a target for the reduction of maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 live births and the reduction of newborn mortality to less than 12 per 1,000 live births by 2030

MEDIA APPEARANCES//2022

Radio Shows

EQUALIZE!
WORLD AIDS DAY 2022
Time: 10:00 AM
DATE: THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2022
#WORLD AIDS DAY

SPECIAL GUEST
Kamolola Agbaoye

HOST
Chibuzo Agbaoye

World Aids Day
2022

WORLD SEXUAL HEALTH DAY 2022:
We can't be careless with our sexual health
Monday 5th September 2022 @ 4pm

GUEST
Thelma Chioma Thomas-Abeke

HOST
Victor Jerry

World Sexual
Health Day

Vote for Health Naija
Wednesday 15th June 2022
Time: 11am-12pm

Dr. Bashir Abubakar
Consultant, Inpatient Management
Nigeria Health Watch

Mohammed Umar
Headmaster, Health Watch

Vote for Health Naija

WBFW 2022
STEP UP FOR BREASTFEEDING
Educate and Support
Tuesday 2nd August 2022 @ 10AM-11AM

Bunmi Oyebanji Obot
Program Manager
Nigeria Health Watch

Martilda Duncan
Nigeria Health Watch
Consultant, Breast Feeding

World Breast
Feeding Week 2022

2022
FUTURE OF HEALTH
CONFERENCE

The Political Economy of Health: Investing in the Future of Nigeria
Thursday 5th of October 2022 @ 5pm

HARD FACTS
Nigeria Info
Let's Talk! 95.1 AM

GUEST
VIVIANNE HEKWEAZU
Managing Director
Nigeria Health Watch

2022 Future of Health Conference

2022
FUTURE OF HEALTH
CONFERENCE

The Political Economy of Health: Investing in the Future of Nigeria
Tuesday 12th of October 2022 @ 7pm

GUEST
CHIBUZO AGBAOYE
Senior, Programmatic Manager
Nigeria Health Watch

2022 Future of Health Conference

MEDIA AND EPIDEMIC PREPAREDNESS
Date: 5th February 2022 Time: 10am-10:30am

EZEDIMBU KAREN OGOM

KIMBERLY NWACHUKWU

ABDULQUDUS OGUNDAPO

DR. KEMISOLA AGBAOYE

Media and Epidemic Preparedness

#HEFORSHET
Spending for Women's Health

Women Rights Radio
Monday 20th July 2022
10am-12pm

Guests: Inayatullah, Chibuzo Agbaoye, Dr. Bashir Abubakar, Kamolola Agbaoye

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Budget Half-hour

Health Security is your Security
How can you defend it?

Kamolola Agbaoye

Health Security

GENDER BIAS IN WOMEN'S HEALTH

Nigeria Info
Let's Talk! 95.1 AM

5-6PM MONDAY
MARCH 14, 2022

Guests: Kamolola Agbaoye, Inayatullah, Chibuzo Agbaoye

Gender Bias in Women's Health

GROUND WATER: Making the Invisible Visible
8:30AM TUESDAY
MARCH 22, 2022

BETI BAIYE
Senior Editor Nigeria Health Watch

GUEST

GROUND WATER:
Making the
Invisible Visible

OUR PLANET OUR HEALTH
World Health Day

5:00PM THURSDAY
MARCH 24, 2022

Nigeria Info
Let's Talk! 95.1 AM

Guests: Kamolola Agbaoye, Ramatu Badi' Hassan

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Better Funding to Halt Spread of Epidemic Preparedness



Nigeria's Pandemic Response

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Prevent Epidemics Journalism Award
Value proposition for Lassa Fever therapeutics in the region - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

The Global Launch of The Lancet Nigeria Commission Report
Report launch of WASH Services Assessment in PHCs in Kaduna State
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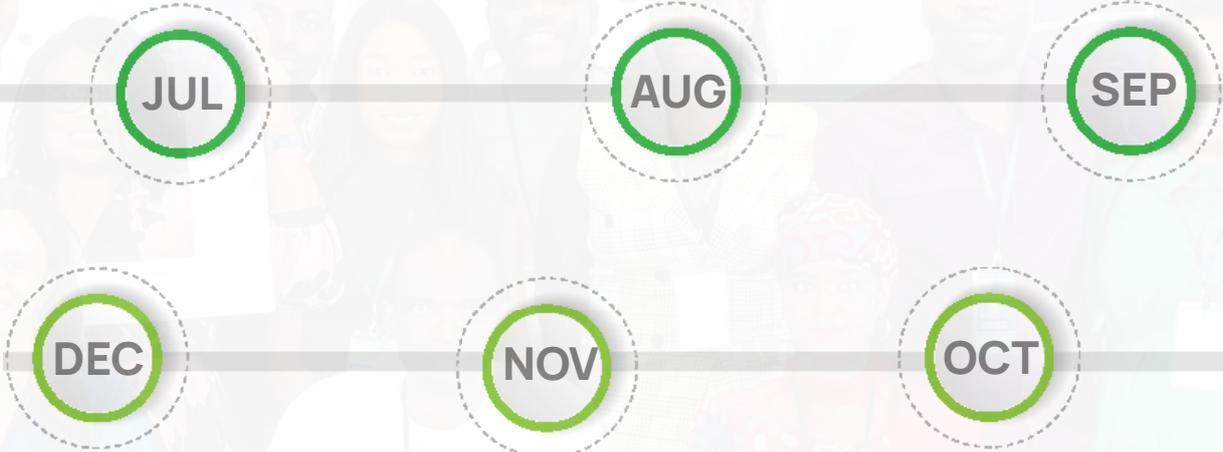
Policy Dialogue for Health Security

Innovations in Digitizing Health Products Distribution

New Health Financing Approaches in Nigeria

Pre-Validation of the Lagos State Health Facility Assessment Report in Lagos

6th Annual Conference of the Association for Research on Civil Society in Africa



63rd National Council on Health Meeting

Nigeria's Demographic Transition and Universal Health Coverage

Universal Health Coverage Day 2022

Health Communication in a Public Health Emergency Response

Prevent Epidemics Naija Journalism Masterclass in Lagos

8th African Conference on One Health & Biosecurity

Kano State Primary Health Care Board to review and validate their Human Resources for Health (HRH) 10-year strategic plan

Launch Event of The Adopt-AHealthcare Facility Programme (ADHFP)

Health training session for health workers, Ward Development Committee (WDC) heads, and health educators on identifying and combating misinformation in Niger State

International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) in Pattaya, Thailand

World Diabetes Day 2022

Parliamentary Summit on Fast Tracking Nigeria's Demographic Transition

National Noma Day Commemoration hosted by Federal Ministry of Health

Expanding Access to SRH Services for Vulnerable Populations

SOGON 2022 Conference

RICOM3 End-of-Project dissemination

Roundtable Discussion with Rob Yates on Civil Society Organisations/Media Advocacy for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and Health Security

Future of Health Conference 2022

Fact-finding Mission Nigeria to the Netherlands

Prevent Epidemics Naija Journalism Masterclass in Kano State



JANUARY 25-27, 2022 // 3 DAY WEBINAR
Sugar Tax Webinar Series



Nigeria Health Watch in collaboration with National Council on Sugar Reduction, Healthcare Federation of Nigeria and Nigerian Cancer Society organised a Webinar Series on Nigeria's Pro-Health Taxes themed: Building a Strong Advocacy Campaign for Sugar Taxes in Nigeria.

The webinar aimed to empower stakeholders to participate and lend their voices and expertise to shape policy direction and encourage policymakers to maximize the use of the “**pro-health tax**” to improve the health of the Nigerian population.

Nigeria Pro-Health Taxes Webinar Series Report

DAY 1 Does Nigeria need a Sugar Tax (25th January 2022)

DAY 2 Building a Strong Advocacy Campaign for Sugar Taxes in Nigeria (27th January 2022)

DAY 3 Addressing the Increasing Prevalence of NCDs in Nigeria through Pro-Health Taxes (1st February 2022)

SPEAKERS

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FEBRUARY 4, 2022 // IN-PERSON

Prevent Epidemics Journalism Award



We organised the 2nd Prevent Epidemics Journalism Award which was aimed at recognising and appreciating journalists who have gone beyond reporting on COVID-19, Cholera, etc., to reporting on epidemic preparedness.

The winners were announced as follows:

- a. **Print/ Online News Category** - Abdulqudus Ogundapo – The Nation
- b. **Television Programme Category** - Ezedimbu Karen Ogom – Africa Independent Television
- c. **Radio Category** - Kimberly Nwachukwu - Nigeria Info FM

For exemplary reporting on COVID-19 and Epidemic Preparedness

- d. **Media House category** - ARISE Television

For exemplary reporting on COVID-19 and Epidemic Preparedness



FEBRUARY 21, 2022 // IN PERSON



Value Proposition for Lassa Fever Therapeutics in the Region - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Nigeria Health Watch joined the West Africa Lassa Fever Consortium (WALC), consisting of International Severe Acute Respiratory and Emerging Infection Consortium's purpose is to prevent illness and deaths from infectious disease outbreaks, Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC), and Kineta, was given the mandate to develop an end-to-end framework for Lassa Fever, from clinical development to product availability with key stakeholders from West African Health Organisation, Africa CDC, & other West African health organisations in Nigeria, Liberia, and Guinea bissau to brainstorm on a value proposition for Lassa Fever therapeutics in the region.

Key takeaways from the sessions



Need for strong political will



Public-Private Partnerships



Open Access Technology



Community Participation



Local Ownership



MARCH 16, 2022 // IN PERSON

The Global Launch of The Lancet Nigeria Commission Report



During the launch of a landmark report on health inequalities in Nigeria by the Lancet Nigeria Commission, Nigeria Health Watch managed the event and provided strategic communication at the launch. Discussions centred around a healthcare reform programme to deliver a centrally determined, locally delivered health system, including providing health insurance coverage for 83 million poor Nigerians who cannot afford to pay premiums.

Nigeria's Vice-President, His Excellency Professor Yemi Osibanjo noted that the report proposes a new social contract centered on health to address Nigeria's needs and define the relationship between the citizens and the states. Additionally, the report recommended urgent action be taken by policy makers to prevent diseases before they occur and to urgently increase access to health care for all.



MARCH 29, 2022 // IN PERSON

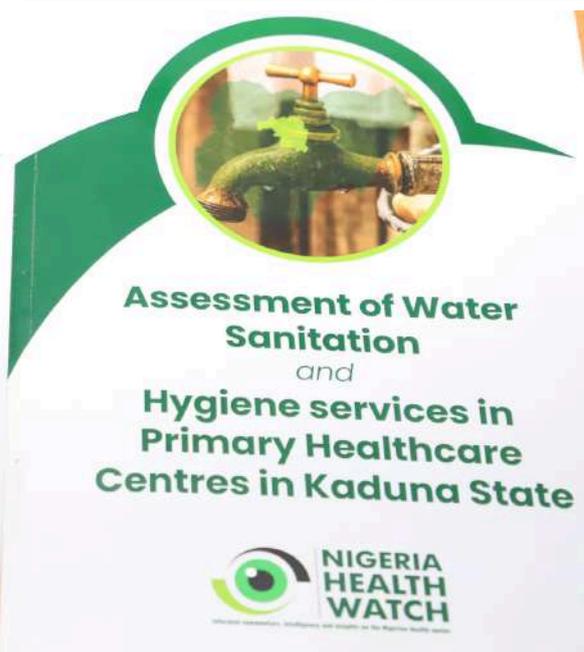
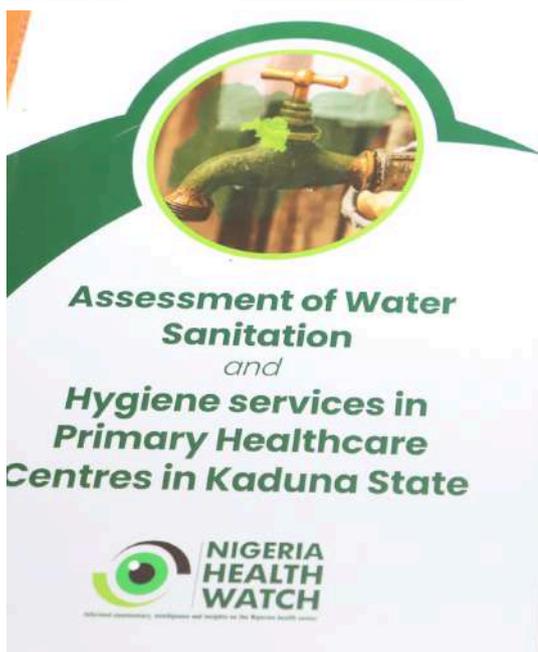


Report Launch of WASH Services Assessment in PHCs in Kaduna State

Primary Health Care (PHC) is crucial to achieving Universal Health Coverage because it is expected to meet up to 70% of a person's health requirements throughout their lifetime. Therefore, access to quality and gender-equitable Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) services is key to the optimal functions of PHC. Nigeria Health Watch conducted a WASH assessment in 23 local government areas across Kaduna state, employing random sampling to select PHCs in rural and urban areas. The report revealed that boreholes are the main source of water for most PHCs in the state. The findings further show compliance with infection, prevention and control protocol in 91% of #PHCs assessed.

Mr Hamza Ibrahim Ikara, Dir. of Disease Prevention & Control, SPHCDA, Kaduna state, noted that "without facility maintenance officers, no PHC can function properly. PHCs are hurting in the state due to their absence. I am using this medium to ask for their return to ensure optimal service."

We intend to use the findings of this report as evidence for advocacy for equitable #WASH services in PHCs. #PHC4AllNaija #WASH4AllNaija #TransformPHC



MARCH 31, 2022 // IN PERSON



2 Day Training for Media Organisations and Fellows

As part of the Solutions Journalism Africa Initiative, Nigeria Health Watch trained the 2nd cohort of 10 newsrooms who nominated 3 journalists each making a total of 30. 3 of the cohort participants were from the Nigeria Institute of Journalism. The training also had 10 Solutions Journalism Africa fellows selected as part of the project. The training participants went for a field trip to the Wassia IDP camp where they engaged with community members around challenges they face but also investigated efforts to address these challenges.



APRIL 7, 2022 // IN PERSON



Launch of the first use of a heat-stable Uterotonic for the treatment of PPH in Nigeria & Sub-Saharan Africa

On April 7th, 2022, the Smiles for Mothers program, in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Health, the World Health Organization, MSD for Mothers, the IDA Foundation, Ministry of Health, and health agencies in Kano, Niger, and Lagos States, and Ferring Pharmaceuticals, celebrated a historic moment—the introduction of the first use of heat-stable Carbetocin (HSC) in Nigeria and sub-Saharan Africa. The event attracted 273 participants, both in person and online, and aimed to highlight initiatives focused on enhancing maternal health outcomes in Nigeria by ensuring uterotonics' availability and improving healthcare provider knowledge and practices.



APRIL 7-8, 2022 // IN PERSON



Launch of Policy Note -

Supporting Adolescent girls to kickstart the stalled demographic transition and harness the demographic dividend in Nigeria

The World Bank in Nigeria developed a policy note aimed at informing stakeholders including policymakers and decision makers on concrete policy choices that may allow Nigeria to capitalise on its Demographic Dividend. Nigeria Health Watch provided strategic communication for the policy launch of the document which held in Abuja, Nigeria. Shubham Chaudhuri, Country Director World Bank Nigeria, highlighted the importance of the policy for Nigeria particularly in fostering a robust discussion among policy makers and other stakeholders and finding possible solutions and buy-in of stakeholders on issues related to adolescent girls across cultural and geopolitical contexts.

Dame Pauline Tallen, Hon. Minister for Women Affairs Minister and Social Development, noted the importance of bringing the issue of adolescent girls in Nigeria to the front burner of national policy discourse.

LAUNCH OF POLICY NOTE
 "SUPPORTING ADOLESCENT GIRLS TO KICKSTART THE STALLED DEMOGRAPHIC TRANSITION AND HARNESS THE DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND IN NIGERIA"

PANELISTS

- Dr. Salma Anas Ibrahim**
Director Family Health
Federal Ministry of Health
- Dr. Eytayo Oyetunji**
Federal Commissioner
National Population Commission
- Dr. Mairo Mandara MD**
SA Governor Borno state
and GIRL CHILD Activist
- Sagir Balarabe**
Special Adviser Human
Capital Development,
Kaduna state Government
- Dr. Hussaini Abdu**
Country Director
CARE INTERNATIONAL

GUEST SPEAKERS

- HRH Dr. Haliru Yahaya**
Emir of Sokoto
- Dame Pauline Tallen, OFR, KSG**
Minister of Women Affairs
- Shubham Chaudhuri**
Country Director,
World Bank Nigeria
- Dena Ringold**
Regional Director
Human Development West and
Central Africa The World Bank

Date: April 8th, 2022
Time: 9am - 1pm

Link: <https://bit.ly/WBGPOLICYLAUNCH>

APRIL 27, 2022 // IN PERSON



Health Agenda Setting Meeting: Leveraging Public Private Partnership to Improve Access to Quality Maternal Medicines

The prevalence of postpartum haemorrhage in Nigeria is closely related to the quality and usage of maternal medicines. One of the critical aspects of our work, is to create an advocacy space to ensure that no woman dies while #GivingBirthInNigeria. To do this, we organised a police dialogue themed; Health Agenda Setting Meeting: Leveraging Public

Private Partnership to Improve Access to Quality Maternal Medicines, to guide discussion around solutions that can reduce maternal deaths caused by post partum haemorrhage in Nigeria.

Some of the stakeholders who attended the event maintained that improving the quality of maternal medicine will reduce maternal deaths.

Dr Afolabi Alabi, Director, Reproductive Health, Federal Ministry of Health, in his presentation, remarked that 'If we can ensure access to quality maternal medicines, we will be reducing almost 50% of these maternal deaths as post partum haemorrhage and eclampsia contribute to over 40% of preventable maternal deaths.

Dr Chioma Ejekam, Consultant Public Health Physician said that 'Understanding and addressing the problem of poor-quality medical products requires a more interdisciplinary approach than has been evident to date.'

We will continue to advocate for Quality Maternal Medicines for every woman Giving Birth In Nigeria.



MAY 19, 2022 // IN PERSON



Launch of the last phase of it's Oloibiri Health Programme as part of its Social Investment Programme

Nigeria Health Watch attended the launch of Phase 2 commissioning of the Oloibiri Health Programme (OHP) in Bayelsa State sponsored by Shell Group as part of its Social Investment Programme. The Programme was named after the Oloibiri community, where oil was first commercially exploited by Shell six decades ago.

The 3 main goals of the programme was to Promote Universal Health Coverage, enhance social determinants of health, institutionalize & share lessons learnt for replication & country-wide adoption.

His Excellency, Governor Douye Diri inaugurated the final phase of the OHP which included; the Oloibiri Health Campus at Oloibiri Town, the Drug Distribution Centre at Emeyal, a 400-metre Oloibiri access road to the health campus and the Ogbia Safe maternal & Infant care Programme.



JUNE 1, 2022 // IN PERSON



Evidence for Change Learnings and Recommendations for Quality Maternal Care

With support of MSD for Mothers, Nigeria Health Watch's Giving Birth in Nigeria: **Advocacy and Communications initiative** emphasized on maternal health advocacy and education while highlighting the significance of high-quality medication. Implementation of the project took place between August 2020 and January 2022. The project's output was the Evidence for Change: Learnings and Recommendations for Quality Maternal Care meeting. It aimed at exchanging lessons learned and suggestions from the accomplishments of partners and other MSD for Mothers grantees in Nigeria. This meeting provided details of the projects and what efforts have been achieved to solve the problem of maternal mortality in Nigeria.



JUNE 14, 2022 // IN PERSON



World Blood Donor Day: Donating blood is an act of solidarity: Join the effort and save lives

The theme for the 2022 World Blood Donor Day is Donating Blood is an Act of Solidarity: Join the efforts and save lives. Nigeria Health Watch commemorated the day with a series of events designed to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation. Among the activities were:

1. Nigeria Health Watch (NHW) hosted a Twitter Spaces discussion with key stakeholders to promote blood donation. “Let’s Talk About Donating Blood to Save Lives,” is the theme of the #TwitterSpace.
2. Social media posts to highlight the importance of blood donation.
3. **Blood Drive** - Some members of the Nigeria Health Watch Team were at the National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS) to donate blood and elevate the conversation for more blood donor champions in Nigeria.
4. The National Coordinator of the National Blood Transfusion Services (NBTS), Dr. Omale Joseph Amedu, discussed some knowledge gaps and skepticism about donating blood and he provided answers to some FAQs about blood donation in Nigeria.



JUNE 16, 2022 // IN PERSON



Primary Health Care Policy Dialogue: Strengthening Human Resources for Health and Achieving Sustainable Financing for Primary Health Care

On 16th June, 2022, Nigeria Health Watch organised a policy dialogue on Primary Health Care (PHC) in Nigeria themed Strengthening Human Resources for Health and Achieving Sustainable Financing for Primary Healthcare. The event was the first subnational policy dialogue held by Nigeria Health Watch.

The goal of the policy dialogue was to create a platform to understand the key issues surrounding Human Resources for Health and Health financing at the Primary Health Care level, two critical building blocks of a resilient health system.

The discussions centred on Human resources for health in PHCs; challenges, gaps, progress and opportunities and Innovative health financing mechanisms for strengthening PHCs in Nigeria and the progress made so far. The panelists on the policy dialogue included Dr Tijjani Hussaini, Executive Secretary of Kano State Primary Healthcare Management Board, Paul Hogan Executive Vice President of EHA Clinics, and Dayyabu Yusuf, North-West Regional Coordinator of Society for Health and Paula Bertrand, Head, Health System Strengthening, UNICEF who delivered the goodwill message.



JUNE 18, 2022 // IN PERSON



Red Umbrella walk to commemorate World Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Day

Every June 19, the World Sickle Cell Day is observed to raise awareness of sickle cell anemia as a public health issue and to increase knowledge of this genetic disorder. Sickle Cell disease is one of the most common inherited diseases throughout the world.

The theme for 2022 is Shine the Light on Sickle Cell. We joined Maidunama Foundation at the Red Umbrella walk in Abuja to commemorate #WorldSickleCellDiseaseAwarenessDay.



JUNE 24, 2022 // IN PERSON



Nigerian Healthcare Excellence Award (NHEA) 2022

For the fourth time, Nigeria Health Watch on the 24th June 2022, received the Nigerian Healthcare Excellence Award in the online category.

The Nigerian Healthcare Excellence Awards are designed to celebrate distinguished personalities and organisations who have made significant contributions to the improvement and growth of the Nigerian health sector. The 2022 award is a recognition of Nigeria Health Watch for its consistent advocacy for salient health issues and as a platform for collaboration in the health space.



JUNE 28, 2022 // IN PERSON



Global Health Security Conference 2022:

Presentation on the Household Perception Survey of COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance.

Oral presentation on “Managing Misinformation Using a Multimedia Approach”

In June 2022, Global Health Security Network hosted the 2022 Global Health Security Conference in Singapore, bringing together experts to brainstorm on how to improve global & regional health security. A team from Nigeria Health Watch was in attendance to listen to and contribute to the discussions and present papers on work done in health communications and advocacy.

Our Managing Director, Vivianne Ihekweazu gave an oral presentation on “Managing Misinformation Using a Multimedia Approach” at the GHS 2022 Conference. The presentation highlighted critical issues in the fight against misinformation around disease outbreaks.

Our Director of Programmes, Dr Kemisola Agbaoye, also delivered a presentation on the COVID-19 Household Vaccine Survey conducted by Nigeria Health Watch to gain an in-depth understanding about attitudes & perceptions towards COVID-19 vaccines in Nigeria.



JULY 14, 2022 // HYBRID



Policy Dialogue for Health Security: Decentralising Health Security, Lessons from COVID19

The “Decentralising Health Security, Lessons from COVID-19” policy dialogue was organised to discuss Nigeria’s COVID-19 response and lessons learnt at the national level and the learnings for sub-national health security. The hybrid event featured panellists from the public - national and subnational levels – and private sectors, development partners/donors and civil society organisations. The three panel sessions –

- Explored how new and existing response structures or systems performed during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Explored how private sector investments and partnerships can be harnessed to strengthen health security structures at the sub-national level and
- Discussed how capacities built during the pandemic can be sustained to strengthen the country’s health security, especially at the sub-national level.

At the end of the meeting, key stakeholders at national and sub-national level shared lessons learned. Recommendations were shared on achieving a clear roadmap for the consolidation of the gains discussed. Key steps were defined to ensure health security is strengthened at the national and sub-national level, going forward. Recommendations were also proffered for private sector collaboration with the government in strengthening national and sub-national health security.

NIGERIA HEALTH WATCH
#PreventEpidemicsNaija
HEALTH SECURITY POLICY DIALOGUE:
Decentralizing Health Security;
Lessons from the COVID-19 Response
Date: Thursday, 14 July 2022 | Time: 10am WAT

Dr. Kemisola Agbaoye
Director of Programmes
Nigeria Health Watch

Dr. Ifedayo Adetifa
Director General
Nigeria Centre for Disease Control

Dr. Anne Adah-Ogeh
Head of Policy
Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria

Dr. Festus Olukayode Soyinka
Director of Public Health
Ogun State Ministry of Health

Dr. Olaolu Aderinola
Head, Response Division
Nigeria Centre for Disease Control

Dr. Omokhudo Idogho
Managing Director
Society for Family Health

Dr. Ifeanyi Nsofor
Health Strategy Consultant
Aspen NewVoices Fellow

Peter Hawkins
Country Representative
United Nation Children's Fund

Dr. Yahaya Disu
Head of Communications
Nigeria Centre for Disease Control

Dr. Morenike Alex-Okeh
Director, Public Health
Federal Ministry of Health

Aliu Israel
National Laboratory Manager
Cino-Ianet Laboratories

Niniola Williams
Managing Director
DRASA Health Trust

To Register: <https://nhw.at/307Hqpe>

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JULY 26, 2022 // VIRTUAL



Innovations in Digitizing Health Products Distribution:

Exploring the landscape and opportunities in Nigeria

On 26th July, Nigeria Health Watch in collaboration with Salient Advisory co-hosted a webinar themed Innovations in Digitizing Health Products Distribution: Exploring the landscape and opportunities in Nigeria.

The 2022 report features 80+ companies across Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya and Uganda which are leveraging tech-enabled solutions to improve the distribution of essential medicines. The report is packed with updated insights on trends across these ecosystems as well as challenges and recommendations for stakeholders.

The webinar amplified the report findings and highlighted the clear need for more funding for innovators. The panel session featured innovators which included Phamarun, chekkit and GeroCare which highlighted innovators public health impact and challenges limiting more scale and interventions to scale impact.

Join us to discuss how health startups are improving access to medicines in Nigeria

Innovations in Digitizing Health Products Distribution

Exploring the landscape and opportunities in Nigeria



Teniola Adedeji
CEO, PharmaRun
Panelist



Dare Odumade
CEO, Chekkit
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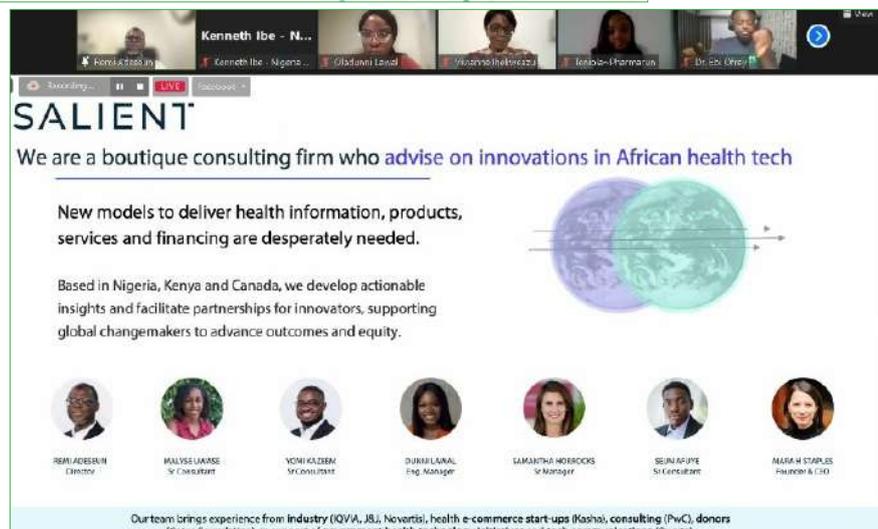


Ebi Ofrey
CEO, GeroCare
Panelist



Remi Adeseun
Director, Salient Advisory
Moderator

SALIENT July 26TH 13:00 – 14:30 WAT 



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Sr Consultant



AISHA H. STAPLES
Founder & CEO

Our team brings experience from industry (IQVIA, J&J, Novartis), health e-commerce start-ups (Kasha), consulting (PwC), donors (Gates Foundation), in support of government health technology initiatives and tech communications (Quartz)

JULY 28, 2022 // IN PERSON



New Health Financing Approaches in Nigeria: Implementation of

Sugar-Sweetened Beverage (SSB) tax in Nigeria Organised in partnership with PharmAccess, World Bank Group and other partners

In 2021, the Federal Government of Nigeria introduced a Sugar-Sweetened Beverage (SSB) tax. It is embedded in the Finance Act of 2021, which levies a N10 tax on each litre of all non-alcoholic and sugar sweetened carbonated drinks. Fiscal policies like this can help curb the excessive consumption of sugars as was seen in Mexico, which would have a positive benefit on population health, especially in the prevention of non-communicable disease (NCD) like diabetes and chronic kidney disease. There is also the potential benefit of revenue generation, which can be channeled towards financing Nigeria's health sector.

While the SSB tax enforcement structure and timeline for implementation is yet to be determined, PharmAccess Foundation, in collaboration with the World Bank and Nigeria Health Watch, organised a policy dialogue titled, 'New Health Financing Approaches in Nigeria: Implementation of Sugar-Sweetened Beverage (SSB) Tax in Nigeria' where panelists and attendees from the private, public, and non-profit sectors assessed the progress of the implementation of the SSB tax; explored strategies to utilise pro-health taxes as an additional source for health financing in Nigeria; and discussed feasible mechanisms to guarantee the implementation of the tax across Nigeria, to ensure Nigerians have equitable access to affordable and quality health care services.



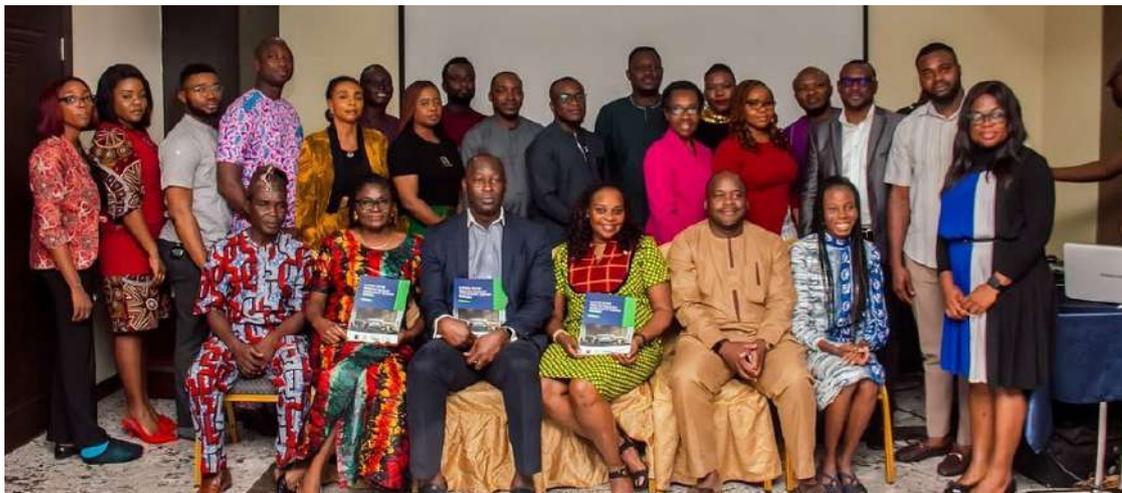
SEPTEMBER 1-2, 2022 // IN PERSON



Pre-Validation of the Lagos State Health Facility Assessment Report in Lagos

On 1 September 2022, Health Systems Consult Limited (HSCL) convened a meeting with stakeholders from the public and private sectors to discuss and validate the findings of a supply-side baseline assessment of health facilities in Lagos State readiness for dissemination. The 'first-of-its-kind' assessment was conducted as part of HSCL's technical assistance to the Lagos State Health Management AGENCY (LASHMA). The Lagos State Health Facility Assessment report was launched the following day, 2 September 2022.

In partnership with HSCL, Nigeria Health Watch attended the pre-validation and validation meetings where we contributed to the pre-validation exercise and provided communications support for the dissemination of the Health Facility Assessment Report. This included - rapporteur and live-tweeting the dissemination exercise, as well as writing and publishing an article titled - The Lagos State Ilera Eko Scheme: A Baseline Assessment to Strengthen Service Delivery in Health Facilities. Among the partners and stakeholders present at the report launch was Dr Abiola Idowu, Executive Secretary, HEFAMAA, Dr Emmanuella Zamba, General Manager, LASHMA, Dr Ibrahim A. Mustapha, Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Primary Health Care Board and Professor Akin Abayomi, Honourable Commissioner for Health, Lagos State.



This report will serve as a perfect baseline for us to put in place the necessary laws and to use the laws to regulate the state health system. It is a crucial job that will be carried out by the Health Facilities Monitoring and Accreditation Agency and the Lagos State Health Management Agency.

Professor Akin Abayomi
Honourable Commissioner for Health
Lagos State

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 // IN PERSON



6th Annual Conference of the Association for Research on Civil Society in Africa

Nigeria Health Watch provided strategic communications support for the Association for Research on Civil Society in Africa (AROCSA) conference held in Dakar, Senegal. Specifically, the support covered a side-session organised by development Research and Projects Centre (dRPC) with live tweets and interviews published on event day and blog summary published afterwards.

Discussions at the conference focused on various ways the work done by CSOs safeguard and support human and environmental health in Africa.



OCTOBER 12, 2022 // IN PERSON



Roundtable Discussion with Rob Yates on Civil Society Organisations/Media Advocacy for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and Health Security

On the 12th of October, Nigeria Health Watch organized a Civil Society (CSOs) round table discussion with Rob Yates, Executive Director of the Centre For Universal Health at Chatham House, that included One Campaign, R4D, Society for Family Health, DGI Consult, and LISDEL to strengthen advocacy for UHC and Health Security in Nigeria. The theme of the event was 'Strengthening Advocacy for Universal Health Coverage and Health Security.'

A paper was delivered by our Director of Programmes, Dr Kemisola Agbaoye, titled "Prevent Epidemics Naija - Sustained Funding for Health Security: Universal Health Coverage/Health Security."

Also, in attendance was Chief (Mrs) Moji Makanjuola (MFR), Chief Executive Officer of International Society of Media in Public Health (ISMPH).

Some key takeaways from the meeting were:

1. The importance of segmenting target audience is critical, to effectively drive UHC messaging in our advocacy efforts.
2. While CSOs and the media will continue to push for more resource allocation towards achieving UHC, a human capital development approach is essential in communicating this to the government.
3. CSO advocacy for UHC should take a multisectoral approach looking at linkages with education, agriculture, and other relevant sectors
4. The media must add their voice in pushing the health agenda within their platforms
5. While CSO are engaging the political candidates, there is a need for the citizens to be aware of the gaps in the health sector so they can add their voice in demanding for better healthcare.
6. They journey towards UHC requires the involvement and commitment of government at the national and sub-national levels.
7. Health security and UHC are two sides of the same coin. Health emergencies can catalyze health reforms that can help in achieving UHC.
8. There should be an integration of health security and UHC indicators in assessing Nigeria level of performance.



OCTOBER 13, 2022 // IN PERSON



Future of Health Conference 2022

The Future of Health Conference has remained at the forefront of innovative and progressive discourse in Nigeria's health sector. Taking advantage of the opportunity presented by the approach of the 2023 general elections, in 2022, the conference, themed "The Political Economy of Health: Investing in the Future of Nigeria" aimed to push healthcare up the political agenda ensuring that it took its rightful place of prominence alongside the economy, security and other priority issues in the political discourse.

The hybrid event provided delegates from the public and private sector, including civil society organisations, national and subnational government representatives, private sector, academia, and multilateral organisations a unique platform to discuss the political determinants of health that shape the distribution of resources; and the interplay between the political, social, and economic factors that shape individual and population health outcomes; and how to create a national health service that meets the needs of all Nigerians. The Conference had three-panel sessions which provided a platform for 14 speakers to share their viewpoints and experiences on the sub-themes - The Political Economy of Health, Politics and Health, and Political Leadership in Health.

The discourse underscored the importance of focusing election campaigns on development issues like health reforms rather than empty promises that are never fulfilled. By doing so, political leaders can demonstrate their commitment to improving healthcare and other essential services for the benefit of the Nigerian people.





Overall, the speakers and delegates recognised that the upcoming elections present a critical opportunity to push for progress towards Universal Health Coverage in Nigeria. They stressed the need for political leaders to prioritise healthcare and to make concrete commitments to advancing health reforms during their campaigns.

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“Health investments will serve as a catalyst for higher labour force, high productivity, innovation and income growth. It is therefore important to make significant investment into health to ensure that we have the capacity to do more.”

- Ben Akabueze, Director General, Budget Office of the Federation, represented by Professor Olumide Ayodele, Senior Technical Adviser to the DG

“One of the four pillars of the National Development Plan (NDP) is to enable a healthier and more educated populace. Healthcare service delivery has always been important and will forever be.”

- Dr. Sarah Alade, Special Adviser to the President on Finance and Economy

“Investment in healthcare can solve not just Nigeria’s problem, but all of Nigeria’s problems. Health, security, inflation and a lack of opportunities are among the reasons why people are leaving Nigeria.”

- Dr Ola Brown. Founder, Flying Doctors Healthcare Investment Company

“Having more women in the governance is a crucial answer for the Nigerian health sector. This is vital because more women in politics and decision-making lead to better outcomes.”

- Dr Amina Aminu Dorayi. Nigeria Country Director, Pathfinder International

“We must ensure that the aspirants tell us how they want to improve the economy, because that is the only way to improve health funding. We must let the political leadership know that their priority should be health.”

- Hakeem Belo-Osagie, Chairman Metis Capital Partners

“Good governance and prioritisation of health is a great place to start, actions to improve the health of Nigerians should include mainstreaming health in every sector.”

- Professor Obinna Onwujekwe, Lancet Nigeria Commissioner

“Universal Health Care reforms bring huge political benefits. Political leaders who launch successful Universal Health Coverage reforms often get re-elected and become national heroes.”

- Rob Yates. Executive Director, Centre for Universal Health at Chatham House

“Strong governance in health systems must be guided by competent leaders with a clear vision and the ability to motivate and mobilise other health system stakeholders.”

- Dr Obi Emmanuel Ikechukwu, Honourable Commissioner for Health, Enugu State

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OCTOBER 18 - 21, 2022 // IN PERSON



Fact-finding Mission Nigeria to the Netherlands

PharmAccess Nigeria shared findings from the Nigeria Health Sector Market Study, providing insights into opportunities in Nigeria's health sector and positioning Dutch firms as innovative partners. The delegation including, Vivianne Ihekweazu, Managing Director, Nigeria Health Watch visited Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), including Delft Imaging Systems and the Philips Innovation Centre.

They were able to see innovative solutions in healthcare, such as equipment for TB screening and consumer healthcare products. Invest International, TNO Innovation for Life, and TU Delft were also visited, highlighting investment support, innovative products, and research collaboration. The mission aimed to expand knowledge about health technology and treatment advances that could be leveraged to strengthen healthcare treatment and diagnostics in Nigeria



OCTOBER 25, 2022 // IN PERSON



Prevent Epidemics Naija Journalism Masterclass in Kano State

In October, Nigeria Health Watch under the Prevent Epidemics Project conducted a masterclass for health journalists in Kano State.

The masterclass focused on helping the participants understand the importance of writing about preparedness in reporting on epidemics, the place of the media in shaping the narrative, and drawing policymaker and public attention to the importance of epidemic preparedness and show them how to include components of epidemic preparedness which advocate for more and sustained funding for epidemic preparedness in story pitches.

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NOVEMBER 3, 2022 // IN PERSON



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NOVEMBER 4, 2022 // IN PERSON



8th African Conference on One Health & Biosecurity: Strengthening Health Security and Mitigating Biological Threats in Africa

Nigeria Health Watch attended the The 8th African Conference on One Health and Biosecurity with the theme Strengthening Health Security and Mitigating Biological Threats in Africa. The 8th edition of the annual conference was organized by the Global Emerging Pathogens Treatment Consortium (GET Africa).

The conference focused on ways of improving health security in the African Continent and addressing emerging biological threats.

Our Managing Director, Vivianne Ihekweazu was on the panel session themed “The role of CSOs and NGOs in Strengthening Health Security in Africa”.

The conference, was attended by professionals and stakeholders across the various strata of the health and allied sectors of society.



GET Africa Global Emerging Pathogens Treatment Consortium

8th African Conference on One Health and Biosecurity

Theme: **Strengthening Health Security and Mitigating Biological Threats in Africa**

CONFERENCE PANEL SESSION:
The Role of CSOs and NGOs in Strengthening Health Security in Africa.

Panelists:

- MRS. VIVIANNE IHEKWEAZU**
Managing Director, Nigeria Health Watch, Abuja.
- DR. SAMANTHA DITTRICH**
Associate Director for Global Health Security at Merck & Company, Columbia, United States
- MR. OLUDARE BODUNRIN**
Ag. Director Strategic Purchasing Africa Resource Center (SAPARC), AMREF Health Africa, Kenya.
- DR. JANE BLAKE**
Global Health Security Director- Jacobs, United States.

Moderator:
DR. BABATUNDE SAKA
Technical Consultant on One Health and Biosecurity

2ND - 4TH NOVEMBER, 2022
CIVIC CENTER, LAGOS, NIGERIA

REGISTRATION LINK:
<https://bit.ly/GETConference2022RegForm>

NOVEMBER 7 - 8, 2022 // IN PERSON



Kano State Primary Health Care Board: Review and Validation of the Human Resources for Health (HRH) Strategic plan

In November 2022, Nigeria Health Watch supported the Kano State Primary Health Care Board to review and validate their Human Resources for Health (HRH) 10-year strategic plan, developed in partnership with Sydani Initiative for International Development following an assessment of HRH gaps across Primary Health Centres in the State.



NOVEMBER 10, 2022 // IN PERSON



Launch Event of The Adopt-A-Healthcare Facility Programme (ADHFP)

In November, Nigeria Health Watch was in Lagos for the Launch Event of The Adopt-A-Healthcare Facility Programme (ADHFP) organized by Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria (PSHAN). The Adopt-A-Healthcare Facility Programme (ADHFP) was conceptualized by the Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria (PSHAN) through the guidance of the director, Mr. Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede, with the primary aim of adopting and standardising at least one Primary Healthcare Centre (PHC) in each of the 774 Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Nigeria.

The event launch formally introduced the Adopt-A-Healthcare Facility Programme to the general public, raise awareness and understanding of the current state of PHCs in Nigeria, and highlight the difference the ADHFP will make to people’s lives by showcasing the four phases of the programme.

The theme of this event is “Bringing Quality Health to the Fingertips of Nigerians”. Nigeria Health Watch was on the panel titled “The Role of the Private Sector in Ensuring the Sustainability of PHCs”.



NOVEMBER 12, 2022 // IN PERSON



Health training session for health workers, Ward Development Committee (WDC) heads, and health educators on identifying and combating misinformation in Niger State

Following a community listening exercise to identify the most prevalent health misinformation in Niger State, we found some health misinformation in various local government areas in Niger State. This served as the basis for training on spotting and addressing health misinformation in communities for healthcare professionals, Ward Health Development Committee leaders, and health educators. Through cascade training of health professionals, distribution of IEC materials, and role-playing in communities, the training was also designed to increase the health literacy of Niger State residents.

There were 25 participants in total, distributed throughout the 8 LGAs that were chosen. The training was led by skilled professionals from Nigeria Health Watch.



NOVEMBER 12 - 19, 2022 // IN PERSON



International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) in Pattaya, Thailand

The Senior Programme Manager, Chibuike Alagboso, was selected as a Global Media Scholar to attend the International Conference on Family Planning in Pattaya City Thailand. He joined other media scholars from across the world to provide communications support for the conference through the Nigeria Health Watch platforms. Live tweets, video interviews with important stakeholders including Nigeria's Minister of Health and ED of FP2030 were conducted and published via the NHW handles. The live tweets were also supported remotely by other team members from Nigeria. A blog summary of the conference was published on the NHW website



NOVEMBER 14, 2022 // IN PERSON

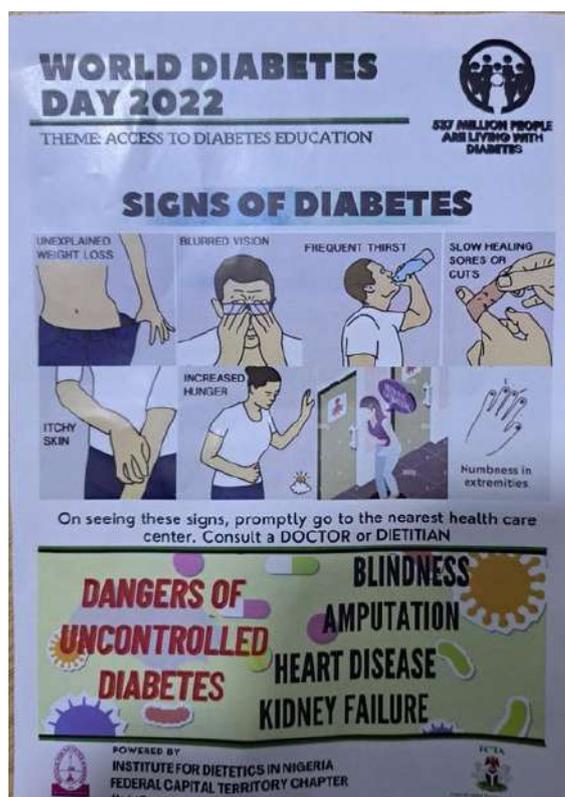


World Diabetes Day 2022

Every November 14 is World Diabetes Day. A day set aside to create awareness about the disease and to advocate for improved access to care for people living with diabetes globally. This year's theme is #EducationProtectsTomorrow!

To mark the 2022 World Diabetes Day, the Diabetes Association of Nigeria, and Nigeria Health Watch with support from Nation Action for Sugar Reduction (NASR) coalition organised a symposium at the Unity Fountain in Abuja. The event drew attention to diabetes disease, and the importance of education in the fight against the disease.

Knowing the huge financial implication for managing diabetes and other NCDs necessitates additional resources for the health sector, particularly for pro-health taxes to cater to noncommunicable diseases in Nigeria. Hence, critical stakeholders in health, from the public and private sector at the event called on the federal government to ensure the good use of SSB taxes for health and the increment of SSB tax from N10 to 30 Naira. They further advocated for the reinstatement of diabetic screening as a component of routine check-ups in hospitals and the domestication of global experience and international standards for SSB taxation and other healthy food policies.



NOVEMBER 21, 2022 // IN PERSON



Parliamentary Summit on Fast Tracking Nigeria's Demographic Transition

Nigeria Health Watch provided communication support for the Parliamentary Summit on Fast Tracking Nigeria's Demographic Transition organised by the Office of the Hon Speaker, National Population Commission, supported by World Bank, Nigeria.

The aim of the summit was to deepen the understanding of the demographic dividend (DD) among members of the 9th Assembly and to secure the necessary buy-in for continued support of the DD agenda.

Nigeria Health Watch moderated the panel session.



NOVEMBER 22, 2022 // IN PERSON



National Noma Day Commemoration hosted by Federal Ministry of Health

Despite the severity of Noma disease in Nigeria, public awareness remains significantly low. Nigeria Health Watch joined the Federal Ministry of Health and Noma Aid Nigeria Initiative in marking the 2022 World Noma Day event in Abuja, Nigeria. With the theme "Noma, A Disease That should not Exist," discussions focused on awareness creation, prevention, detection, and treatment of Noma disease in the country. At the event, the Honourable Minister of Health, Dr Osagie Ehanire called for intensified efforts to End the disease. Furthermore, stakeholders agreed that basic health interventions such as nutrition, oral hygiene, access to immunisation and poverty eradication must be improved.



NOVEMBER 24, 2022 // WEBINAR



Expanding Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Services for Vulnerable Populations

On the 24th of November 2022, Nigeria Health Watch partnered with Marie Stopes Nigeria and the Federal Ministry of Health, to host a webinar themed, Expanding Access to SRH Services for Vulnerable Populations. There were two concurrent sessions, the first focusing on Expanding Access to SRH Services for Adolescent population, and the second addressed Expanding Access to SRH Services for Persons Living with Disability (PLWD).

Nigeria Health Watch moderated the panel session on the Adolescent population.

The banner features a blue header with the title "Expanding Access To Sexual And Reproductive Health Services And Rights To Vulnerable Populations" and the date "NOVEMBER 24, 2022 | Webinar Report". Logos for the Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria Health Watch, and Marie Stopes Nigeria are displayed. The main section has a dark background with the text "Knowledge Cafe" in yellow script, followed by "EXPANDING ACCESS TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS". It includes a QR code for registration, the date and time "24 November, 2022 2PM - 4PM", and the meeting link "http://bit.ly/3WUxmBZ". A list of speakers with their photos and titles is provided at the bottom, along with the hashtag "#MSIONHealthCafe".

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Speakers:

- Uche Nwaigbo** - Moderator, Nigeria Health Watch
- Femi Samuel Ajah** - Country Director, Marie Stopes Nigeria
- Hellen Bejoku-Alaba** - Executive Director, Deaf Women Abroad Initiative
- Dr Salma Ibrahim Anas** - Director, Family Health Department, Federal Ministry of Health
- Dr Jennifer Anyaeti** - Deputy Managing Director, Society for Family Health
- Ogbedi Onuocha** - Director, Programmes, Marie Stopes Nigeria
- Tevin Chikwemezie** - Executive Director, Education as a Vaccine

Hashtag: #MSIONHealthCafe

NOVEMBER 25, 2022 // IN PERSON



Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria (SOGON) 2022 Conference

Nigeria Health Watch attended the SOGON 2022 conference in Abuja. Nigeria Health Watch organized a panel session to disseminate the Quality of Maternal Medicine report and to host key stakeholders in supply chain management and medicine quality from the public and private sector. The panel discussion focused on “Improving women’s health through the procurement of quality maternal medicines.”

Nigeria Health Watch moderated the panel discussion. Panelists included Iyadunni Olubode, MSD for Mothers, Prof. Chimezie Anyakora, Bloom Public Health, Dr Tunde Amode, CHAI, and Pharm Henrietta Bakura-Onyeneke.

NIGERIA HEALTH WATCH

SOGON 2022 Plenary Session

IMPROVING WOMEN'S HEALTH THROUGH THE PROCUREMENT OF QUALITY MATERNAL MEDICINES

MODERATOR | SPEAKERS

- IFY BASATUNDE-YUSUF**
Nigeria Health Watch
- IYADUNNI OLUBODE**
MSD for Mothers
- PROF. CHIMEZIE ANYAKORA**
Bloom Public Health,
Somany US Pharmacopeia
- DR. TUNDE AMODE**
Clinton Health
Access Initiative
- PHARM. HENRIETTA BAKURA-ONYENEKE**
National Product Supply Chain
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NOVEMBER 29, 2022 // IN PERSON

RICOM3 End-of-Project Dissemination



Reducing the Indirect Causes of Maternal Morbidity and Mortality (RICOM3) end of project dissemination was hosted in Lagos and Abuja by the RICOM3 consortium to discuss the outcomes & impact of the innovative QoC model in addressing maternal deaths caused by NCDs.



DECEMBER 5 - 9, 2022 // IN PERSON



63rd National Council on Health Meeting organised by Federal Ministry of Health & FCT Health & Human Service Secretariat

The National Council on Health (NCH) is the apex policy making body in the Nigerian health sector, bringing together leaders in the health sector such as Permanent Secretaries, Honourable Commissioners of Health, Heads of Parastatals and Directors to discuss health related issues. Other key stakeholders include members of the Legislatures, representatives of relevant MDAs, delegates from Development Organisations, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), the Organised Private Sector, Health Professional Regulatory Bodies, Health Professional Associations, and Traditional Rulers.

The 63rd NCH meeting was held in Abuja in December 2022 with the theme 'Building a Resilient and Sustainable Health System for Improved Health Outcomes and Universal Health Coverage (UHC)'. The council's deliberations were centred on the following:

- Primary Health Care: The Road to Sustainable Health Care in Nigeria.
- Climate Change and Health: Deliberate Action Towards Safeguarding the Health of Nigerians.
- Preparing for the Next Pandemic: Strengthening Local Vaccines Manufacturing and Biologicals for Improved Outcomes.
- Building Essential Partnerships, Mobilising Resources and Investments for Improved Health Outcomes.
- Leveraging big Data & Nigeria's Digitisation Agenda to improve Population Health and Harness Demographic Dividends; and
- NHIA Act: A Veritable Instrument for Health System Strengthening and Attainment of UHC



DECEMBER 9, 2022 // IN PERSON



Nigeria's Demographic Transition and Universal Health Coverage: Addressing the Urgency of Now

Nigeria Health Watch attended the World Bank Nigeria side event, 63rd National Council on Health meeting. The side event themed: Nigeria's Demographic Transition and Universal Health Coverage: Addressing the Urgency of Now.

The discussions focused on realizing Nigeria's demographic dividend as a critical component of achieving UHC and stimulating the country's economic development. In addition to addressing the needs of adolescent girls improving their health as well as the health of their children and empowering them provides Nigeria with a unique opportunity to accelerate its demographic transition.


FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH

NIGERIA'S DEMOGRAPHIC TRANSITION AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

ADDRESSING THE URGENCY OF NOW!

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 DR. OYEBANJI FILANI Commissioner of Health Ekiti State Chairman Commissioners of Health Forum	 DR. SARAH ALADE Special Adviser to the President	 SHUBHAM CHAUDHURI Country Director World Bank for Nigeria	 DR. OLUMIDE OKUNOLA Senior Health Specialist World Bank	 ULLA MUELLAR Country Representative United Nations Population Fund	 CRISTIAN MUNDEATE Country Representative UNICEF Nigeria
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DECEMBER 12, 2022 // IN PERSON



Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day 2022

12th of December each year is set aside worldwide to commemorate and remind us of our right to access to quality health care service. Nigeria Health Watch organised a community townhall forum with community members, health workers and health officials at Kogo 1 PHC in Bwari Area Council in collaboration with the Society for Family Health to commemorate Universal Health Coverage Day.

The goal was to increase understanding, awareness, and demand for UHC at the grassroots level. The forum was with community members who have access to the primary health centre that is benefitting from funds earmarked for Basic Primary Health Care Services in Nigeria's National Health Act. The Act is Nigeria's legal vehicle through which it hopes to achieve Universal Health Coverage.



DECEMBER 14, 2022 // IN PERSON

Health Communication in a Public Health Emergency Response



International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA) 2022 served as a platform for African leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders to exchange insights and knowledge on public health challenges and opportunities on the continent.

In alignment with one of the conference tracks, “The COVID-19 pandemic—Lessons Learned for Future Health Threats, Prevention, Preparedness, and Response,” Nigeria Health Watch and Sydani Group brought together key stakeholders working in public health communication in Africa in a side event titled “Health Communication in a Public Health Response.”

The objective of the event was to facilitate discussions on important takeaways from the past two years, novel approaches in communicating risks and engaging communities, the media’s role, and how the lessons learned could enhance current and future responses to public health emergencies.

The panellists, representing organisations that led communication efforts during the COVID-19 response, and continue to play active roles in health communication, risk communication, and community engagement shared valuable insights on how to enhance strategies for effective health communication in a public health emergency response. Drawing on their experiences from responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, they provided recommendations for improving ongoing and future responses to public health emergencies. These include: pooling knowledge and strengthening capacity building.





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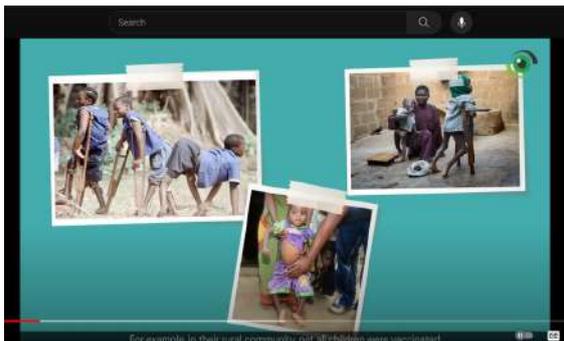
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