

## HERFON Policy Brief

### A Framework on priorities to guide policy makers in the implementation of the recommendations

	Federal level (FMOH & AGENCIES)	State and LGA levels
	<b>Objective 1. To establish a bold National health policy that guarantees universal access to basic health services for ALL Nigerians</b>	
1	<p>Ensure quick passage or drive the reintroduction of the national health bill and its accent as legal document through broad based ownership</p> <p>Review the 2004 Revised National Health Policy to ensure relevance to current National Health Priorities</p>	<p>Establish appropriate state and LGA level agency that bring Primary Health Care under one authority with responsibility to manage human, financial and other resources for PHC services.</p> <p>Adapt the reviewed national health policy to meet peculiar state needs</p>
2	<p>Develop and disseminate the regulation of the national health Act to facilitate implementation</p>	<p>Develop and disseminate appropriate regulation for the State health law to facilitate the implementation of the newly established State-level PHC agency</p>
3	<p>Disseminate guidelines on establishing and strengthening a state agency that brings PHC under one authority with responsibility for human, financial and other resources for to manage PHC services to support states and LGAs establish these agencies</p>	<p>Implement guidelines to support states and LGAs in establishing and strengthening an agency with authority and responsibility for human, financial and other resources to manage PHC services</p>

4	Review and disseminate the National Strategic Health Development frame work (NSHDP 2009 - 2015) through broad based ownership to ensure its acceptance by both public and private sector health stakeholders	Review, disseminate and implement state health sector development strategic frame work to ensure its acceptance by both public and private sector health stakeholders
5	Strengthen coordination and partnerships for health to ensure integration and mobilization of resources for health	Strengthen coordination and partnerships for health to ensure integration and facilitate information sharing, and mobilization of resources for health
6	Reposition the FMOH and its agencies to be policy makers and regulators of health	<p>Reposition states ministries of health as chief policy maker and regulator of health at state level</p> <p>Reposition state and LGA health agencies to effectively implement health policies and regulations</p>
7	Establish an effective mechanism for regular monitoring and evaluation of health and health services	Implement the national mechanism for regular monitoring and evaluation of health and health services

8	Establish institutional arrangements for operational research in health to inform policy development and develop guidelines for state implementation	Implement operational research guidelines to inform state level policy development and planning
<b>Objective 2. To domesticate the health agenda to deliver in a truly Nigerian way, with voice and accountability to the citizenry</b>		
1	Develop a guideline to promote community response to National Health Agenda including mechanisms to facilitate the establishment and operations of health facility committees	Adapt and implement guidelines to promote community response to state health agenda including mechanisms to facilitate the establishment and operations of health facility committees
2	Provide guidelines to revitalize and support village/town and ward development committees to demand and take active part to improve the health of community members	Revitalize and support village/town and ward development committees to demand and take active part to improve their health
<b>Objective 3. To Reorient the health system towards prevention alongside the curative aspects</b>		
1	Enhance the profile of health promotion and communication at all settings (community, schools, work place and markets)	Adapt and implement the national health promotion and communication policy at all settings (community, schools, work place and markets)
2	Develop a guide for Minimum health Service Package (MSP) at all levels of care for curative and preventive services with focus on Maternal Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) and other health priorities	Adapt and implement MSP at state and LGA facilities with a focus on MNCH, and other health priorities.
3	Develop a free minimum MNCH package and a costing guide for state and LGA level adaptation and use	Adopt and implement the free minimum MNCH package and costing guides based on state/LGA resource envelope
4	Enhance local capacity to manufacture essential drugs, human vaccines and medical	Strengthen capacity of vaccine logistics and

	consumables	commodities management  Strengthen the drugs and medical consumables management system
<b>Objective 4. To benchmark government spending at all levels to achieve the Abuja Declaration targets</b>		
1	Establish a national health account Increase budgetary allocation to health to at least 15% of the annual budget	Establish a state health account Increase budgetary allocation to health to at least 15% of the annual budget and ensure capacity for development and management of budget process is built
2	Introduce and use program based budget process to align resources to specific outputs and Prepare procurement plans as part of the planning and budgeting process and ensure capacity for development and management of budget process is built	Introduce and use program based budget process to align resources to specific outputs
3	Carry out regular performance review of the budget and the health sector to ensure timely release and for money	Carry out regular performance review of the budget and the health sector to ensure timely release and for money
4	Develop and disseminate guidelines for accessing and utilizing the national health funds	Adapt and use guidelines to access and effectively use the National Health Fund
5	Coordinate and harmonize donor inflows at the national level especially earmarked funds	Establish accountable and transparent mechanisms to coordinate and harmonize donor inflows especially earmarked funds
6	Explore and introduce other demand side funding mechanisms apart from NHIS to improve universal health coverage	Implement other evidence based demand side funding mechanisms to improve universal health coverage
7	Consolidate the implementation of the Community based Health Insurance and other health insurance schemes to ensure coverage for the poor and other vulnerable groups	Adapt and implement Community based health insurance and other health insurance schemes ensuring the poor and other vulnerable groups are covered
<b>Objective 5. To establish a determined focus to improve quality of health care provided by both public and private sectors</b>		
1	Develop and disseminate patient/client charter and staff rights and responsibilities	Adapt and implement patient/client charter and

	through broad based participation	staff rights and responsibilities through broad based participation
<b>5.1 Human Resources for Health (HRH)</b>		
2	Establish and maintain accurate and reliable national HRH data base, skill mix, distribution, and develop staffing affordability guides (staffing norms) to support HRH distribution based on needs	Establish and maintain accurate and reliable state level HRH data base, skill mix, distribution; adapt and implement HRH affordability guides (staffing norms) to distribute staff based on needs
3	Revise training standards to ensure that pre-service and in-service training of HRH to ensure high quality training that meets needs of the country and conforms with international best practice  Develop and implement guidelines on performance contract and incentives	Ensure that pre-service and in-service training of HRH to ensure high quality training that meets the needs of the state and conforms to national best practice  Adapt and implement guidelines on performance contract and incentives
<b>5.2 Capital investment</b>		
4	Prepare a federal level investment plan in health to cover rational investment in HR, infrastructure, equipment, drugs and supplies in health  Develop guidelines to assist states in developing health investment plans to cover investment in HR, infrastructure, equipment, drugs and supplies	Develop and implement state level investment plan to give priority to to meet the target of at least one functional health centre per ward providing Minimum Service Package.
5	Provide guidelines to assist states and LGAs in establishing viable health services in deprived and hard to reach areas.	Prioritize the provision of staff accommodation in health facilities located in deprived and hard-to-reach areas as part of the human resource incentive package
6	Review policies and guidelines on environmental health and fashion collaboration with other sectors	Implement environmental health policies and guidelines ensuring smooth linkages with preventive and curative health services
<b>5.3 Procurement</b>		

7	Review and harmonize the national procurement, logistics and supply chain system for drug, vaccines and medical consumables to minimize waste improve delivery time at health facility and community levels	Establish state and LGA logistics and supply chain systems to sustain availability and access to quality and affordable medicines, vaccines and medical consumables to minimize waste and improve delivery time at health facility and community levels
8	Produce guidelines to support states establishment sustainable drugs and medical consumable supply system including rational drug use	Strengthen the drugs and medical consumables management system
<b>5.4 Service Standards, Regulation and Supervision</b>		
9	<p>Enforce regulation on drug distribution, rational drug use and pharmacovigilance</p> <p>Strengthen the national regulatory agencies to ensure the development and maintenance of standards of practice</p> <p>Disseminate guidelines on support supervision to facilitate implementation from state to community levels</p>	<p>Enforce regulation on drug distribution, rational drug use and and pharmaco-vigilance</p> <p>Collaboration with national regulatory agencies to ensure the maintenance of standard of practice at state, LGA and community levels</p> <p>Implement guidelines on support supervision for effective support and supervision of health services</p>