



HEALTH REFORM FOUNDATION OF NIGERIA

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HEALTH REFORM FOUNDATION OF NIGERIA (HERFON)

The Health Reform Foundation of Nigeria (HERFON) is an independent national membership, (non-governmental, non-profit, non-religious) organization developed by a group of reform minded in response to the deplorable Health status of the country whose health system performance was ranked 187th out of 191 Member States by the World Health Organization (WHO). HERFON is registered in Nigeria as an incorporated Trustee with Head Office in Abuja, 6 Zonal Offices and chapters in the 36 states of the Federation and FCT. Its membership is made up of individuals in various professions and trades in the public and private (for profit/not for profit) sectors. HERFON is synonymous with Change Agency for Health in Nigeria. The Governance structures are AGM, BOT and National Advisory Committee (NAC). The management is headed by an Executive Secretary.

Vision - Prime Advocate for better health for all Nigerians.

Mission - To be the leading non-governmental organization that is informing and influencing policy formulation and implementation that contribute to primary health care strengthening and MDGs delivery.

Goal - To contribute to improved health outcomes for all Nigerian especially the poor and vulnerable.

HERFON's work with International partners and with national stakeholders is contributing to redefinition of Nigeria's health system, prioritization of national health aspirations and acceleration toward achievement of the MDGs. They include all DFID (UKAid) health programmes in Nigeria, NPHCDA, FMOH, NHIS, MDG Office, States, CIDA, NURHI, OXFAM, SRIK, Media e.t.c)

The Core Output Areas are Partnership, Advocacy, Capacity Building and Evidence Generation and Use. These are reinforced in the 2008-2012 Strategic Plan. Their key activities in the plan will contribute to;

- Strengthened Partnerships and Networks for Health Sector Reforms
- Improved Enabling Environment for Health Care
- Strengthened capacity for Health Sector Reform in Nigeria

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- Strengthened Evidence-based Policy Analysis and Development

ACTIVITIES

Some recent activities include:

- Study of the ‘Impact, Challenges and Long-Term Implications of Antiretroviral Therapy Programme in Nigeria’, and the publication and dissemination of the study report
- Technical support to the review of Nigeria’s National Health Policy 2004
- Technical support to the preparation of Nigeria’s National Health Bill to provide a framework for the development and management of a health system as a response to non-provision for health in the 1999 constitution.
- The publication Nigerian Health Review (NHR) 2006 (PHC and 2007 (Health Financing) and 2010 edition is in print.
- The Nigerian National Health Conference (NHC) held in 2006 and 2009 in Abuja and Uyo respectively.
- Immunization study tours (Egypt and Malaysia for Religious and Traditional Leaders from Northern Nigeria, which led to their buy-in and total support immunization services, particularly polio eradication and PHC strengthening.
- Immunization Study tour for change agents from public and private sectors to Zambia -RI, South Africa - RI, Tanzania - RI, Brazil - Health Insurance
- Advocacy visits to Federal/States Policy Makers, Community leaders, media owners,
- Creating of States specific Eminent Persons Group to advocate and influence reform actions
- Assessment of Free MNCH in Nigeria
- Formation of HSR coalitions in all states and FCT, who are championing the cause of Health Sector Reform in all the States.
- Advocacy for increased attention to routine immunization (RI) and the mainstreaming of RI into PHC. This contributed to the changes in immunization strategy and merging NPI into NPHCDA.

FUNDING SOURCES

- Department for International Development UK (DFID).
- Consultancy services with partner Organizations/Agencies
- Membership dues - HERFON has membership in the 36 states and FCT.

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