

NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM

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To: Nigeria Governors' Forum
From: Director General
Date: 26th February 2020
Subject: **Implementation of the Basic Healthcare Provision Fund**

Members are invited to note that the Chairman of the Forum wrote to the Honorable Minister of Health requesting for the immediate release of the BHCP funds to all the States that have fulfilled the conditions for accessing the funds and also for the Ministry of Health to share the list of outstanding issues needed to be addressed by the States that are yet to meet the conditions for accessing the BHCPF.

A number of Stakeholders were copied in the letter. The chairman stated the need to convene a meeting of the NGF to deliberate on the issue if need be, and to follow up with a report to Mr. President and the leadership of the National Assembly if that will help resolve any identified implementation bottlenecks.

Please find attached letter as submitted to the Minister for your information

Director General



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21st February 2020

Dr Osagie E. Ehanire
Honourable Minister of Health
Federal Ministry of Health
Abuja.



Dear Sir,

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BASIC HEALTHCARE PROVISION FUND

The above subject matter refers.

1. Firstly, let me appreciate your leadership and stewardship of the health sector particularly in this trying period of global public health emergency.
2. Secondly, you may recall our last discussion regarding the concerns of the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) on the delay in the implementation of the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) thus far.
3. I am happy to note that in response to the concerns of the National Assembly, a Committee has now been constituted. It is our hope that this process will culminate in a meaningful resolution within a short time frame.
4. As you have rightly expressed at numerous events, addressing the persistently poor health outcomes requires an execution mindset and a focus on the drivers of underperformance. A goal, which we believe, the BHCPF is currently optimized to tackle. However the pace of implementation of the BHCPF leaves much to be desired and several state Governors are at a loss on why there has been such a protracted delay in transfer of funds amongst other implementation arrangements.
5. Given the need to rapidly deliver on our mandates and improve the health of our people, the NGF recognizes the value of the BHCPF as a quick win and will be happy to work with you to move forward swiftly.
6. In light of the foregoing and pending when the Committee's output is ratified, may I kindly request that you consider approving the:



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- i. Immediate release of the BHCPF funds to all States that have fulfilled the conditions for accessing the BHCPF.
 - ii. Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) sharing the list of outstanding issues needed to be addressed by the States that are yet to meet the conditions for accessing the BHCPF.
7. Lastly, I believe an update on the implementation of the BHCPF to State Governors will be necessary and I am willing to convene an emergency meeting of the NGF to deliberate on this. If need be we will be willing to follow up with a report to Mr. President and the leadership of the National Assembly, if this will help resolve any identified implementation bottlenecks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kayode Fayemi'.

H.E Dr. Kayode Fayemi
Governor, Ekiti State
Chairman, Nigerian Governors' Forum

CC:

- Senate President, Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Speaker, House of Representative, Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Chairman, Senate Committee on Health
- Chairman, Senate Committee on National Primary Health Care
- Chairman, House Committee on Health
- Chairman, House Committee on National Primary Health Care