

HEALTH UPDATE

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# Highlights

* Saving One Million Lives (SOML)P4R - Best performing states receive awards.
* Polio – One year polio free, one more year to go. National Immunization Plus Days completed in July, 2018.
* This Day Health Care Policy Dialogue – States to play key role in actualizing Universal Health Coverage.

# Polio

* Nigeria: Two years Polio-free; One year more to go!
* National Immunization Plus Days completed in all 36 states and the FCT in July, 2018.

# Key Takeaways for NGF from National Events

## ThisDay Healthcare Policy Dialogue on Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

* Need for state executives to provide political leadership for the actualization of UHC.
* Need to have policies in place to promote private sector participation in the improvement of Nigeria’s Healthcare System.
* Need for advocacy for Basic Healthcare Provision Funds (BHCPF)
* Need for states to put systems in place to access BHCPF.

## World Breastfeeding Week Flag-off

* The World Breastfeeding Week Flag-off event was hosted by the Honourable Minister of Health on the 2nd of August, 2018.
* Benefits of promoting breastfeeding emphasized.
* States to support six-month maternity leave.
* States to support the provision of creches and breastfeeding rooms in Ministries, Departments and Agencies to create an enabling environment to promote breastfeeding – State Ministry of Health and Women Affairs should champion this.

# Saving One Million Lives (SOML) P4R.

States that distinguished themselves in healthcare provision were honoured in the ThisDay Health Care Policy Dialogue

* Zamfara (North West), Adamawa (North East), FCT (North Central) and Cross River (South South) were the overall best improved states.
* Lagos and Anambra States were the best performing states on immunization.
* Delta and Kano States were the States that have the highest number of enrollees in the State Social Health Insurance scheme.

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## **Basic Requirements for a Creche/Breastfeeding Room**

* Private, safe and clean environment (Toilets are neither conducive nor hygienic and should not be used to express breastmilk)
* Partition from other spaces
* Refrigerator
* Chairs, shelf or table for breast pump
* Access to running water or clean water supply
* Tissues or wipes/towel
* Electric kettle.
* Air conditioner
* Clean water supply
* Information materials
* Sleeping bed.
* Playmats
* At least, one trained nurse /medical staff within the National Youth Service Corps can be assigned to coordinate the usage of the Creche.

### **CALL TO ACTION FOR GOVERNORS**

* NGF to appoint champions to follow up on the release of the BHCPF.
* Governors to expedite action to ensure successful take-off of State Social Health Insurance Scheme to enable them access BHCPF.
* Governors to expedite action to ensure that the PHCUOR policy is fully implemented in their respective states.
* Sustain commitment to polio eradication.
* Governors to facilitate and support the enactment of a six-month maternity leave law.
* Governors to facilitate the provision of creches and breastfeeding rooms in all MDAs
  + At least start with Ministry of Health and Ministry of Women Affairs in the next few months.