

KWARA STATE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AT A GLANCE
BEING PRESENTATION TO THE
SECRETARIAT OF NIGERIAN GOVERNORS' FORUM

INTRODUCTION:

Kwara State operates a three-tier health system of primary, secondary and tertiary. This spans both the public and private health service delivery in the State as Federal, State, Local Governments, Private orthodox practitioners and traditional medical practitioners.

The Health Service structure in the State is delivered at 5 levels, with the Federal Government having two (2) hospitals, State Government sixty-five (65) Local Governments 460 health centres and clinics, private (Orthodox) sector 194 and traditional medical practitioners about 2,718.

In 2004, the Kwara State Government through the State Ministry of Health conducted a Health Summit, which came up with a Strategic Plan for Health Sector in the State. The plan formed the bedrock of the health sector of Kwara State Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy, 2005 – 2007 (KWASEEDS).

Again in September, 2007 another 5-Year Strategic Health Development Plan was articulated (2008 – 2012) with the backing of the World Health Organization (WHO). These workable documents are adhered to strictly in the annual budget implementation of health sector by the State Government.

VISION

To provide the best health system in North Central Zone comprising of well established health institutions, organizations, personnel resources, facilities and materials that will take adequate care of the primary, secondary and tertiary health care needs of the people of the State.

MISSION:

To operate a health care delivery system that makes medicare available at all times, accessible, affordable, public or private, preventive, curative, well equipped hospitals, with regular essential drugs, sustainable with modern management system, health data evidence based, using appropriate technology, well trained and highly motivated staff to ensure the optimum delivery of good health care services to the people of Kwara State.

POLICY THRUST

To provide effective/efficient healthcare delivery to the people of the State.

ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE 2003

In the course of budgetary implementation since 2003, the following achievements have been recorded to ensure high quality healthcare delivery

- Conducting the first Health Summit in the State
- Strategic Health Planning for the State
- Upgrading, Renovation and Construction of Primary and Secondary Health Facilities

- Mandatory construction of Doctors' quarters by the sixteen Local Government Councils
- Provision of State of Art Medical equipment and adequate and effective drugs for all aforementioned facilities
- Establishment of Ambulance Points and purchase of ambulances to the four (4) entry points to the State
- Yearly Free Medical Week in collaboration with Foreign Medical Personnel
- Quarterly Free Eye Care Programmes with distribution of Free Eye Glasses and Routine Outreach Eye Surgeries
- Establishment and scale-up of Community Health Insurance Scheme (CHIS) in the State
- Malaria Free Kwara Programme for Pregnant Women and 0-5 children in the State. It is a continuous implementation of preventive and curative service delivery to this target groups.
- Aggressive implementation and adequate coverage of Immunization Activities in the State with Legislative and Executive backing
- Effective HIV/AIDS, TB and Other Disease Control Activities in the State
- Embracing the implementation of Integrated Maternal New Born and Child Health Strategy of the Federal Government
- Adequate training of manpower e.g LSS, MLSS, EOC etc
- Implementation of NHMIS in the State
- Provision of 32-Seater bus for the College of Nursing, Ilorin
- Accreditation of Sobi Specialist Hospital to train House Officers (On-going)
- Constitution of Governing Council for the College of Health Technology Offa
- Standardization of Establishment of Private Hospitals in the State
- Collaboration with International/National Partners and Agencies such as WHO, UNICEF, DFID, UITH, USAID, NPHCDA, etc
- Collaboration with Traditional/Religious Leaders for effective Healthcare Service Delivery in the State.
- Establishment of Advanced Medical Diagnostic Centre (On-going)
- Renovation of twenty (20) Health Centres across the State under MDG-CGS (On-going)
- Purchase of LLITNs and scanners for the sixteen (16) Local Government under MDG-CGS
- Distribution of Drugs to all the State-owned and Local Government owned Health centres across the State under MDG-CGS
- Construction of New School of Nursing at Oke Ode

An important dimension in the health care delivery system as introduced by the Government of Dr. Bukola Saraki is the successful implementation of Community Health Insurance Scheme (CHIS). Hitherto, the National Health Insurance Scheme has been able to cover the formal sector leaving the teeming informal sector who form over 70% of our people. However, with the successful introduction of the scheme now, many of the rural populace now have access to healthcare service with annual payment of only N300. The success is such that the scheme, which started in Shonga in 2007 has been scale up to Lafiagi and Afon. More places will be covered as implementation goes on.

The Kwara State Model with an in-built sustainability framework is tripartite with Kwara State, Dutch Government and Hygeia – a private sector practitioner, as active participants. This is in the spirit of Public Private Partnership (PPP). The model is already being copied by many States and even the Federal Government has adopted the model now.

BUDGETARY EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE PROFILE

The Annual Budget allocation to healthcare as shown in the table below from 2003 to date.

The percentage allocation to Health stabilized at about 12.5% over the years.

BUDGET ALLOCATION TO HEALTH IN KWARA STATE FROM 2003 – 2009

YEAR	STATE BUDGET	HEALTH ALLOCATION	RECURRENT	CAPITAL
2003	16,928,190,089	929,225,095	650,704,989	278,520,106
2004	19,917,643,490	1,362,608,990	787,608,990	575,000,000
2005	33,964,563,837	1,593,167,161	824,470,664	768,696,497
2006	35,657,921,076	1,881,062,678	775,921,676	1,105,141,021
2007	37,960,512,509	1,567,087,792	868,587,792	698,500,000
2008	61,974,973,324	2,644,088,524	875,936,548	1,768,151,976
2009	76,048,061,613	2,796,941,548	908,941,548	1,888,000,000

REVENUE PROFILE

YEAR	KWARA STATE IGR	HEALTH REVENUE PROFILE	%
2006	3,792,200,475	42,850,000	1.1
2007	4,452,315,565	39,950,000	0.9
2008	5,665,818,958	21,250,000	0.38
2009	29,791,717,892	24,900,000	0.08

Most of the Generated Revenue are from documentation of contract, school fees, sales of drugs and registration of Patent medicine stores among others.

CONCLUSION:

The linkage of the activities of the State Ministry of Health is hinged on ensuring healthy living for all Kwarans. It increases productivity since actively productive labour force are no longer tied down by disease. The 7-point agenda emphasizes productivity, which is enhanced by good quality healthcare delivery.