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THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM NUTRITION SCORECARD

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The **objectives** of this presentation will be to share:

1. Our experiences and highlight the key reflections from the Nutrition Scorecard development process.

2. How we plan to use the scorecard and key next steps

Our presentation will cover **three major areas of the NGF scorecard**, with time for discussion at the end

1. Why a nutrition scorecard?
2. The scorecard development process
3. Key next steps
4. Key reflections

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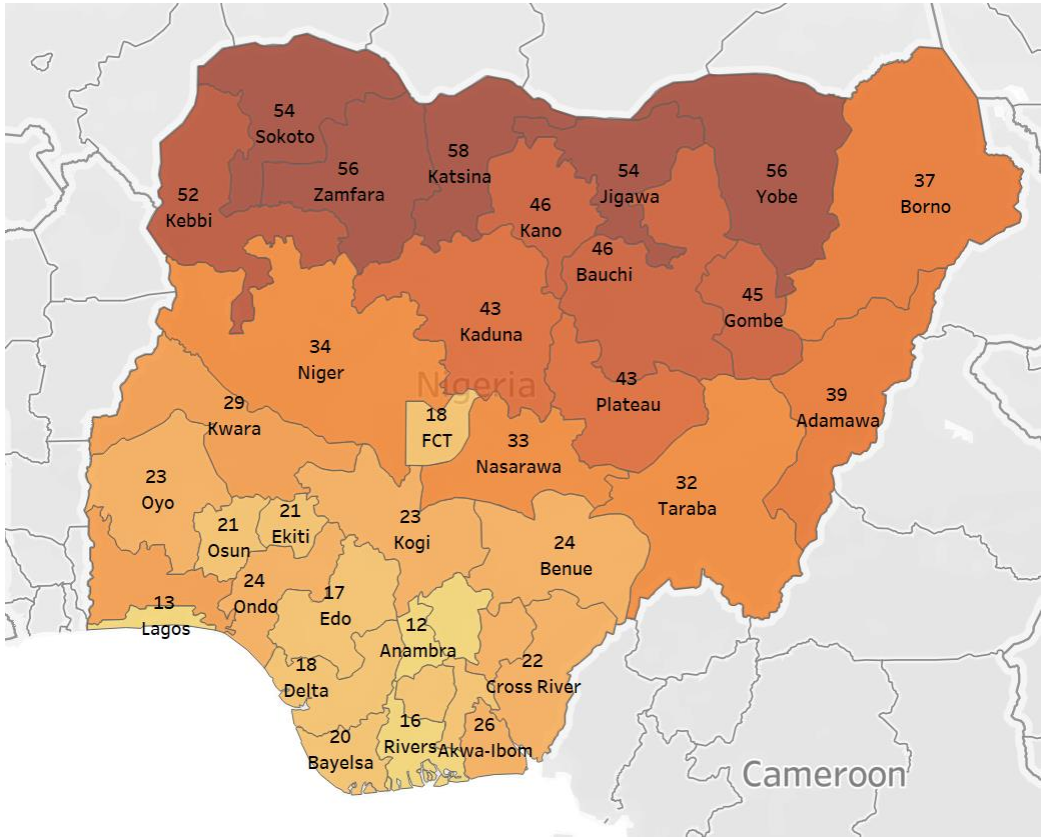
The nutrition situation is Nigeria is dire, particularly in the north, but all areas are affected



Stunting Prev (%)

12 58

- Nigeria has the **2nd highest burden of stunted children** in the world
- Wasting prevalence currently lies at **7%,** higher than the National target of <5%.
- **Nearly half of all child deaths** in Nigeria can be attributed to malnutrition

✓ **Survey used** – NNHS 2018

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The NGF has been a leader in the use of data to support decision-making and advocacy among Nigeria's Governors

The NGF's major achievements include:

- Successful interruption of polio transmission in Nigeria.
- Establishment of Primary Health Care Under one roof in all States.
- Presence of Health Insurance Schemes in 34 states, with commencement of enrollment in 16 of them.

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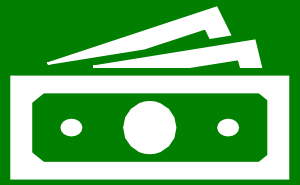
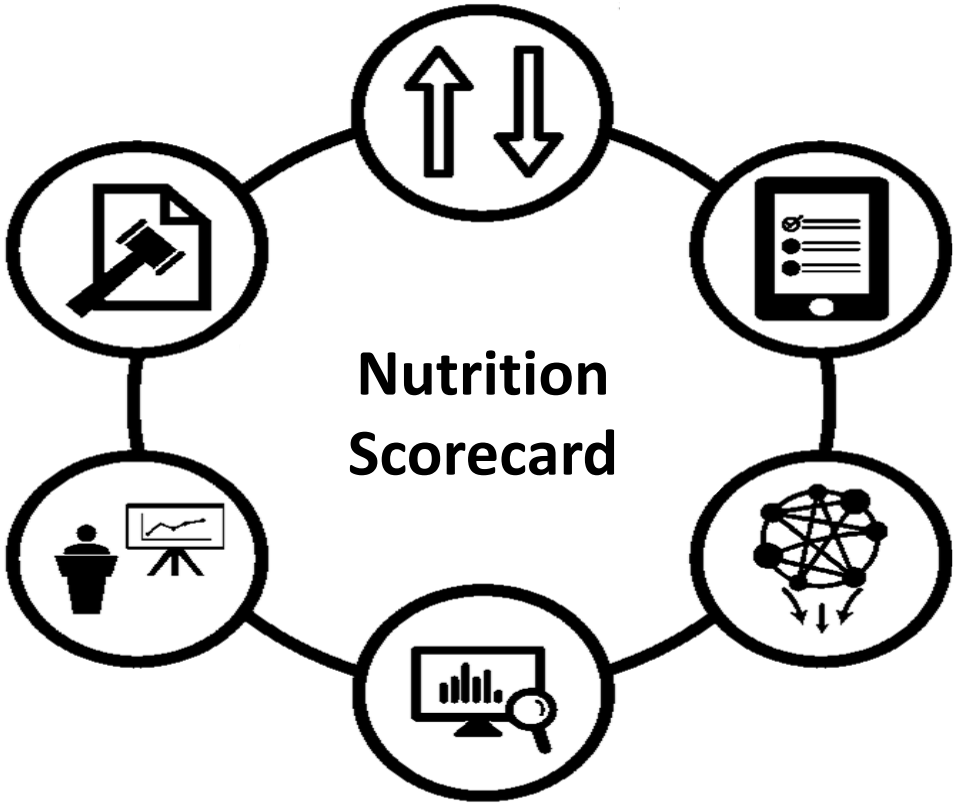
The NGF is committed to improving the enabling environment for nutrition by **promoting 4 commitments**

Commitment 1	Commitment 2	Commitment 3	Commitment 4
			
To set up or revitalize State Committees on Food and Nutrition (SCFN)	**To establish Multisectoral Plan of Action for Nutrition (MSPAN)**	**To increase spending on nutrition interventions**	**To promote maternity protections for civil servants**

The NGF mapped out the scorecard's theory of change to determine how it would **influence decision-making**



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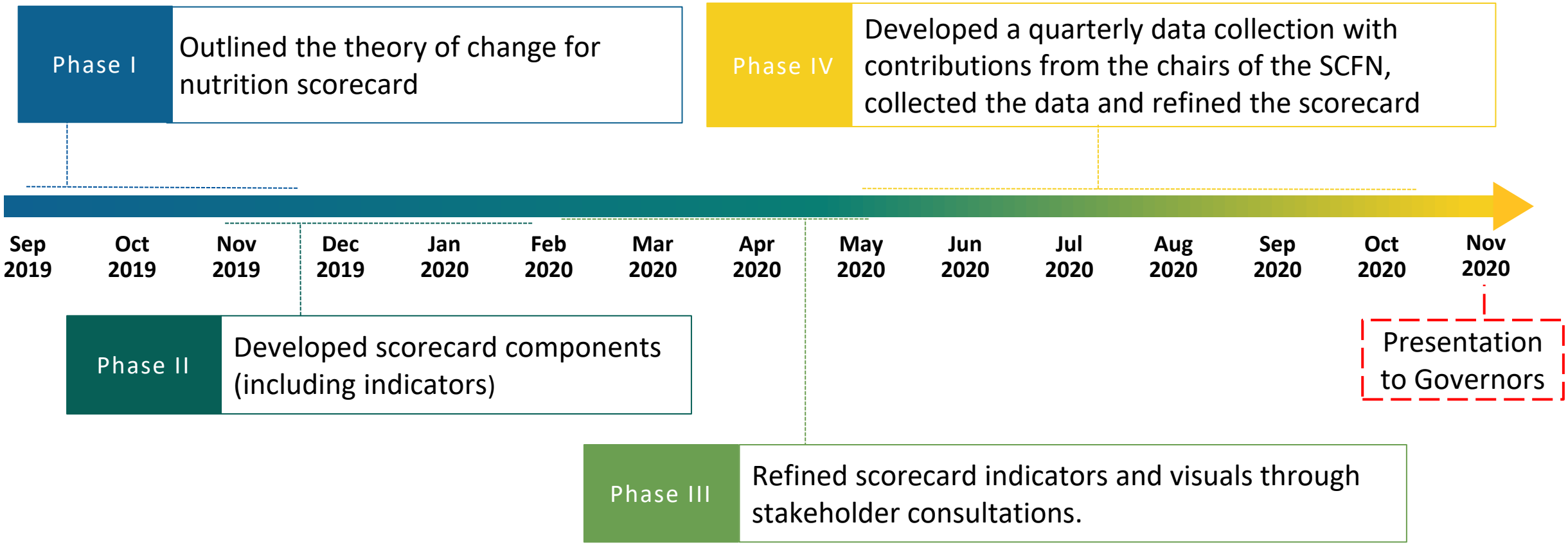
The NGF nutrition scorecard was developed a through **desk review, consultations, and two stakeholder workshops:**



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The table below shows the **full set of indicators collected** and if they were included in the scorecard (1/2):

Commitment		Indicator Name	Included?
	SCFN	SCFN held meeting in previous quarter (Jan- Mar 2020)	✓
	SCFN	Chairperson of SCFN chaired the previous quarter meeting	✓
	SCFN	Representatives from 5 nutrition relevant MDAs (Health, Agr, WASH, Ed, Water) attended previous quarter meeting	✗
	SCFN	SCFN has a costed workplan for current year	✗
	SCFN	At least 75% necessary funding for workplan released quarterly	✓
	MSPAN	Multisectoral plan of action on nutrition (MSPAN) developed and costed; includes component activities from two nutrition-relevant MDAs	✓
	MSPAN	Approved MSPAN	✓
	MSPAN	MSPAN progress reviewed annually	✗

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The table below shows the **full set of indicators collected** and if they were included in the scorecard (2/2):

Commitment	Indicator Name	Included?
Resource Tracking	State list of prioritized nutrition programs (from the MSPAN, if available) for budget tracking shared	✗
Mat Protection	6-month maternity leave exists	✓
Mat Protection	6-month maternity leave comes with full pay	✓
Mat Protection	Registered creche within the State Secretariat	✓
Mat Protection	State Secretariat creche is functional (ratio of 5 children to 1 nanny, handwashing station)	✓
Mat Protection	State Secretariat creche has a breastfeeding/ complementary feeding corner	✗

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This table shows an overview of **outcome indicators** we are tracking alongside enabling environment indicators:

Indicator	Definition	Source	Threshold*
U5 Stunting	Prevalence of stunting (HAZ<-2) in children 0-59 months	National Nutrition and Health Survey (2018)	18%
Exclusive Breastfeeding	% of children aged 0-6months who were exclusively breastfed	Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (2016-17)	65%

***The thresholds have been pulled from the targets set in the National Policy on Food and Nutrition**

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OVERVIEW OF THE NGF SCORECARD

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Enabling Environment Indicators

Outcome Indicators

Commitment	To set up/ revitalize SCFN		To establish a multisectoral nutrition plan	To promote maternity protections for civil servants		Nutritional Status	MICYN Behaviors
Indicator	SCFN quarterly meeting chaired by SCFN Chair	75% of quarterly funding for SCFN workplan released	MSPAN approved	Six months maternity leave with full pay	Functional creche(s) in State Secretariat	U5 Stunting (NNHS 2018) Target: 18% by 2025	6M Exclusive Breastfeeding (MICS 2016-17) Target: 65% by 2025
State A	🔴 ↑↓	🔴 ↑↓	🔴 ↑↓	🔴 ↑↓	🟢 ↑↓	24% 🔴 ↑↓	41% 🔴 ↑↓
State B	🔴 ↑↓	🔴 ↑↓	🔴 ↑↓	🔴 ↑↓	🔴 ↑↓	18% 🟢 ↑↓	52% 🔴 ↑↓
State C	🔴 ↑↓	🔴 ↑↓	🔴 ↑↓	🔴 ↑↓	🔴 ↑↓	23% 🔴 ↑↓	32% 🔴 ↑↓

States

Directional Arrows

Colour coded Icons

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Moving forward, we will be completing the following **next steps:**

Finalising the Nutrition Scorecard

Presenting the Scorecard to the Governors

Developing a framework for resource tracking through the MSPAN and State Budget.

Restructuring the timeline for populating the Scorecard due to COVID-19 disruption.

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Key Reflection 1:

Start with a clear theory of change, including an explicit understanding of who the target user group is and how the tool will influence their actions.

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For the nutrition scorecard, we mapped out three critical elements of the theory of change:

TOC Element:	Target Audience	Key Decisions	Pathway to Change
Application to scorecard:	Governors & their state teams	Policies that create an enabling environment for nutrition	Regular meetings to show scorecard & follow-up with states

The NGF's theory of change for the scorecard highlights that change is driven through peer competition between states

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Key Reflection 2:

The purpose and audience dictate key features of the DVT

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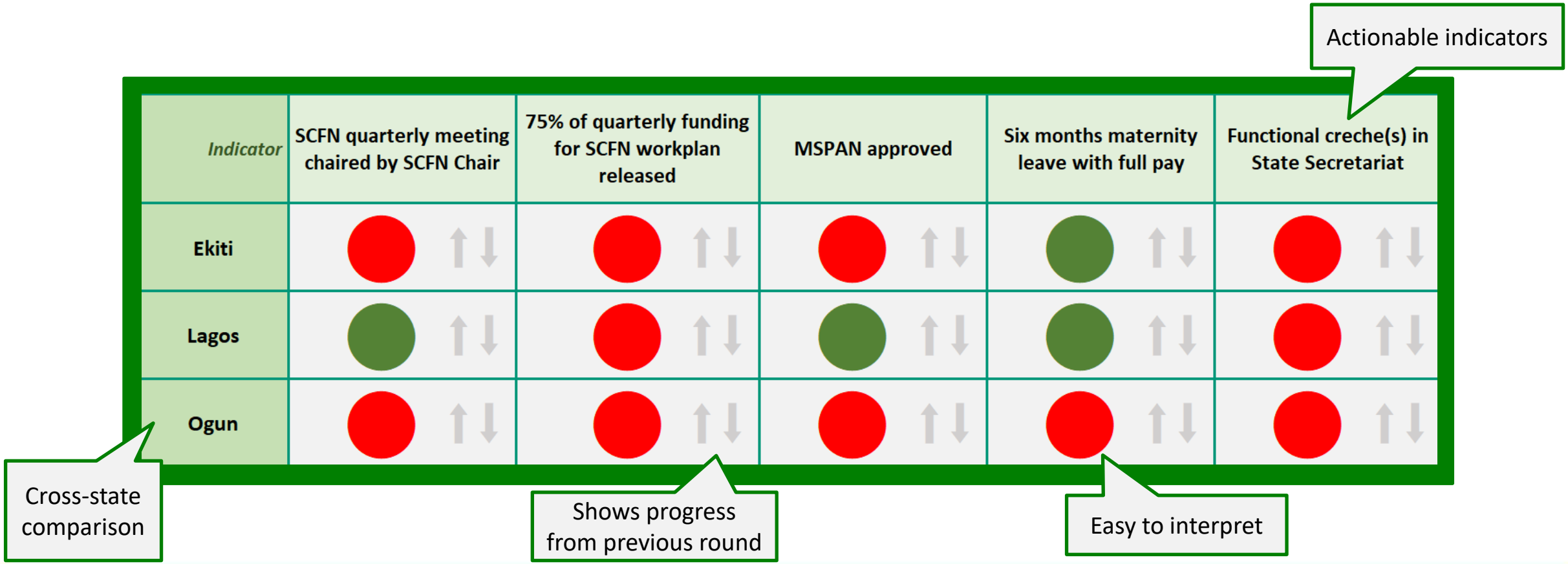
The purpose and audience of the NGF scorecard informed two key features- the indicators and the visualization



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Key Reflection 3:

Directly engage target users in selecting or "co-creating" indicators as the process of indicator specification itself can influence policy design and implementation

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We engaged with state representatives and partners to identify barriers to the commitments and develop indicators

Example Barriers	Corresponding Indicators
In many states, the SCFN do not meet regularly	SCFN holds quarterly meetings with the Chairperson present
The SCFN do not have a plan to satisfy their mandates	SCFN has a costed workplan for the year
Funding is not regularly released for SCFN activities	75% of the quarterly funding for the SCFN workplan was released

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Key Reflection 4:

Select indicators that reflect quality of implementation

We chose indicators that show progress on both the presence and the quality/effectiveness of the commitments

Promoting maternity protections – Placing creches in every State Secretariat

Breastfeeding

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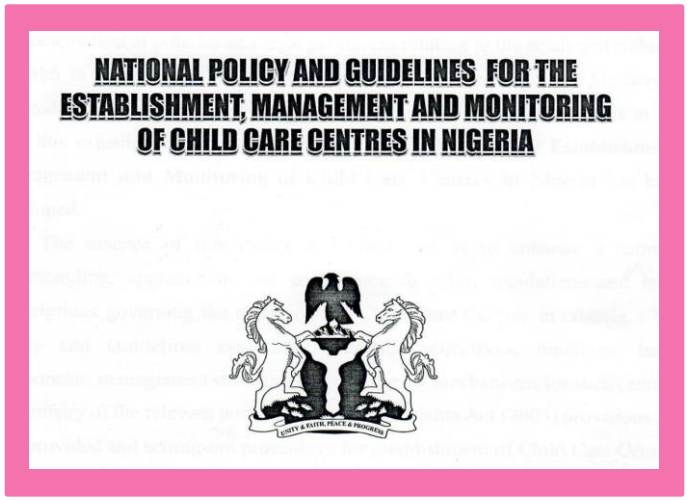

NATIONAL POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING OF CHILD CARE CENTRES IN NIGERIA

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Thank You!

Questions?