**Health Updates on COVID 19 Response and Other Health Related Matters for the NGF Chairman**

(25th August 2021)

## Co-PREP

* Total funding is now $ **514.28m (**Initial funding $114.24m and Additional financing for vaccines $400M)
  + Vaccines Acquisition ***$357.5m***
  + State Support ***$132.5m*** *($76 for COVID19 vaccines*

*deployment and $56.5m for COVID19 pandemic response*)

* + Federal support ***$ 14.28m***
  + Coordination M&E by federal level ***$ 10m***
* Project became effective on March 15th, 2021; **however, NASS is yet to give the go ahead for fund utilization to commence.**
* Consultation held with all HCH and HCF, but HCH raised concerns on the funding flow.
  + Earmarking of $76.5m solely for vaccines deployment
  + Fragmentation of the response – separating the vaccines deployment and its funding from the other pillars of the response, even though it is one of the pillars of the response.
* HCH is emphasizing the need for a single pandemic response and funding channeled through the State REDISSE/CoPREP operations accounts from where it would be disbursed to implementing MDAS. This will ensure efficiency and accountability.

Key actions for NGF

* Advocacy to the NASS to give the go ahead for utilization of the CoPREP fund
* Communicate to the WB on the need to maintain a single pandemic response including a single account at the state level for efficiency and accountability

## Health Security

## Cholera outbreak

* Total cases 47,603 as of August 15th 2021
* No of States affected: 23 states and FCT since the beginning of 2021
  + Benue, Delta, Zamfara, Gombe, Bayelsa, Kogi, Sokoto, Bauchi, Kano, Kaduna, Plateau, Kebbi, Cross River, Niger, Nasarawa, Jigawa, Yobe, Kwara, Enugu, Adamawa, Katsina, Borno, Taraba and FCT.
* Deaths 1,768 (more than the number of COVID19 deaths in 2021).
* There was 21% decrease in the number of new suspected cases in week 32 (2,984) compared with week 31 (3,781).
* Bauchi (1,306), Jigawa (714) and Kebbi (325) account for 78.6% of 2,984 suspected cases reported in week 32.
  1. **Polio/Routine immunization**
* Rising cases of circulating vaccine derived Polio virus, new cases have risen to 195 compared to 22 in 2020 (189 cases in the last six months!)
* This is alarming and a reflection of poor routine immunization in the country
* This decline in routine immunization coverage and other PHC services is due to COVID19 pandemic

## COVID19

* Cumulative cases – 188,243
* New cases – 655 (last 24hrs) from nine States
* Vaccines have been deployed to 29 States, arrangement being concluded to deploy to the remaining States

**Key actions for NGF**

* Holistic approach to health security by
  + Including health security as one of its health priorities
  + Reactivating the State Task Force on PHC and Immunization chaired by the Deputy Governor – meet at least once in a quarter to review progress and address identify gap.
  + Domesticating the National Action Plan for Health Security with support from NCDC and build core health security capacities in **Surveillance**, **Laboratory network**, **Emergency operations** and **Workforce**.

1. **NARD Strike**

* Current strike declared on 2nd August 2021 after a breakdown of negotiations with FG
* Reasons for the strike include issues that needs to be addressed by some States and these include:
* Payment of salaries arrears ranging from 2 - 20 months.
* Payment of Medical Residency Training Fund (MRTF).
* Implementation of 100% ADJUSTED CONMESS, SKIPPING and MINIMUM WAGE.
* Payment of Arrears on all implemented as 3 above.
* Entry point corrected to CONMESS 3 (Skipping) & all other levels adjusted accordingly
* Domestication of the MOU on COVID-19 inducement allowance & review of hazard allowance
* Immediate release and implementation of All upgrades & Promotions, as well as payment of accrued Arrears.

**Key actions for NGF**

* Affected states to kindly dialogue with NARD to address identified concerns.