**Health Updates**

(15th December 2021)

## Co-PREP

* Funding has been approved by the WB Board
* Still awaiting formal approval by the National assembly to authorize the loan
* $132 million allocated to States with $76.5m of this amount to be channeled through the NPHCDA while the rest will be allocated directly to the States
* Commissioners of health have however expressed their concerns on this arrangement as it promotes fragmentation of the pandemic response.

**REQUIRED ACTION: NGF to also advocate to the NASS for its authorization to utilize the CoPREP fund**

## Basic Health Provision Funds

* Federal Government has released the 2021 funds to the FMOH
* FMOH to disburse the funds to the three gateways 9NHIS, NPHCDA and Emergency Services) by the end of the week
* Gateways are expected to disburse to States within 10days of receipt of funds

**REQUIRED ACTION: NGF to continue to ensure the utilization of the funds in line with the approved guidelines.**

1. **UHC Summit**

* NGF is collaborating with a group of local organizations and Chatham House UK to commemorate the 2021 Universal Health Coverage.
* This event will take place tomorrow 16th December 2021 at the Yar’Adua Centre, Abuja.
* FYI to invited States – Ekiti, Delta, Gombe, Nasarawa, Kwara, Kaduna, Osun, Sokoto and Anambra

1. **Polio/Routine Immunization**

* Nigeria remains WILD Polio free
* A national Polio Transition Plan has been developed in collaboration with the States, to transition knowledge, lessons, and assets from the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to address other country health priorities and to ensure that polio does not re-emerge. ​

**REQUIRED ACTION: States to set up State Polio Transition Committees headed by the Commissioners of Health to adapt and facilitate the implementation of the transition plan for their respective States**

## Cholera Outbreak

* A total of 107,166 suspected cases with 3,595 deaths (CFR 3.4%) reported in 32 States and FCT as of 5th December 2021
* Four States Bauchi (19,470 cases), Jigawa (15,141 cases) Kano (12,116 cases), and Zamfara (11,927cases) account for nearly half of the cases

**REQUIRED ACTION: States to continue to prioritize recommended actions for the control of Cholera, especially water and sanitation interventions**

1. **NARD Strike**

* Some States are yet to interface with the NARD to resolve the State-specific concerns as agreed in the last NGF meeting

**REQUIRED Action: Affected States to dialogue with NARD to resolve State-specific concerns as outlined in the NARD letters to the States.**

1. **COVID19**

* Cumulative cases – 218,598; Deaths 2,983
* New cases – 730 (14th December 2021) from eleven States
* There have been spikes in number of COVID19 cases in the last few days coupled with growing concerns over the OMICRON variant which has now spread to about 80 countries, including Nigeria.

**REQUIRED ACTION: There is need for State COVID19 Task Forces to intensify Risk Communication, Mass Vaccination, Wearing of Face Masks, Hand Hygiene and Social Distancing especially as we approach the Yuletide season.**