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MINISTRY OF HEALTH BAUCHI
ACHIEVEMENTS OF HIS EXCELLENCY MALAM (DR) ISA
YUGUDA ADMINISTRATION IN HEALTH SECTOR FROM MAY,
2007 TO DATE.

The present Administration on assumption of office in May, 2007 inherited a health sector that has virtually collapsed and basically un prepared to meet the challenges in the provision of health care delivery, it inherited a health sector characterized by

- i. A highly centralized, inefficient, ineffective Ministry of Health.
- ii. Non prioritization of health as a development agenda with none matching of budgetary provisions.
- iii. Very poor health services as depicted by high infant, under-5 and maternal mortality rates (140/1000, 260/1000, 1549/100,000 respectively).
- iv. Demoralized, inadequate and poorly paid health workers.
- v. Dilapidated collapsing health infrastructure across the state.
- vi. Poorly performing health training schools with run-down facilities.
- vii. Lack of a state policy on any health issue.
- viii. Unhappy Donor Agencies/Technical Assistance.
- ix. Non implementation/take off of NHIS in the state, ten years after its take off at national level.
- x. Relegation of topical health issues such as HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Polio and other vaccine preventable diseases to the background.

Since the inception of this administration, the Government of Malam (Dr.) Isah Yuguda was able to achieve the following in the health sector. *

- i. De-Centralized/Unbundling of Ministry of Health: For greater efficiency and effectiveness has been completed through the creation of four agencies namely: Hospitals Management Board (HMB); State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA), Bauchi State Agency for the Control of HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria (BACATMA) and the State National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS), Laws establishing these agencies have been passed by the House of Assembly and accented to by His Excellency, the Executive Governor. Today, HMB, SPHCDA, BACATMA and NHIS are up and about on their feet.
- ii. Prioritization of Health: Since coming to power, this government has adopted Health as a priority development agenda and matched it with budgetary provision of more than 500% which translate to N14b as against N2.8b in 2007. We have also adopted health as a strategy of meeting our Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), objectives of reducing infant and maternal mortality and combating HIV/AIDS and Malaria.
- iii. Improve Health Care Service Delivery: The Government has taken measures to improve service at our health facilities as follows:
 - (a) Provided one new water supply scheme in every General Hospital in the State including Specialist Hospital, Bauchi.
 - (b) Provided a new standby Generator to every General Hospital in the State and a dedicated transformer.
 - (c) Diesel is being supplied to power the hospital generators without interruption at a monthly rate of N18m.

- (d) Recruited 2592 Nigerian Health Workers from Doctors down to cleaners. They have resumed. Thirty (30) Doctors from Egypt were also recruited.
- (e) Provided 10 shuttle buses to Specialist Hospital, Bauchi, 1 to General Hospital Toro 1 to Urban Maternity Azare and 1 Ambulance to General Hospital, Dass.
- (f) Ordered and are about to take delivery of 30 brand new state of the art Ambulances for distribution to our hospitals at the cost of over ₦250m.
- (g) Improved the remuneration of all Health workers through the implementation of HATISS IV salary structure and CONTIS for Health Training Institutions.
- (h) Improved the efficiency of our Drug Revolving Fund (DRF) through a Public Private Partnership.
- (i) Establishment of the Dialysis Centre in the State.
- (j) Most importantly, as a direct intervention to reduce infant, under 5 and maternal mortality and morbidity in the state, Government has launched and have been providing free maternity, under-5 children medical and nutrition services in the State. Under the scheme, consultation, drugs, surgery, delivery packs to expecting mothers, and all children under 5 years are provided free. In addition, nutritious food supplements are also provided to under nourished expecting mothers and children under five years at a monthly rate of ₦26m. The rate is becoming insufficient because of the high influx of patients.

In addition Government has approved free medicare to Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) patients in the State.

- (i) Procured Basic medical equipment worth N2.5b and distributed same to all hospitals across the State.
- (k) 165 Motor cycles were purchased at the cost of N6.7m and distributed to support routine immunization in the state.
- (l) The state, like others in the country provides free Anti-Retroviral Drugs; drugs for the treatment of opportunistic infection and blood transfusion services to HIV/AIDS patients as well as infant formula feeding for children of HIV positive mothers. Consequently; deaths of HIV positive patients has reduced from 144 in 2007 to just 5 in 2008 at the Specialist Hospital Bauchi.
- (m) Over 2.5 million treated insecticide nets have been distributed across the state.
- (n) The government has expended over N70m on immunization programme in 2008 in the state apart from the support received from other organization such as WHO, UNICEF, COMPASS, Immunization Basic, EU – Prime NPHCDA etc worth several million naira.
- (o) Health System Development project II (World Bank/AFDB Assisted) undertook series of intervention in some PHC facilities across the state which include rehabilitation Works, Supply of essential drugs, Basic Medical Equipment and furniture.

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- (p) Similarly, 6 No new Ambulances were recently procured under HSDP II and handed over to SPHCDA with a view to improving referral system at Primary Health care level.
 - (q) The state has purchased the NASIHA MEDICAL CENTRE Darazo and the facility has been handed over to the SPHCDA for utilization.

iv. Health Infrastructure Development

- (a) Renovation and upgrading of General Hospital T/Balewa has been completed and commissioned. At 63-7
- (b) Renovation and upgrading of General Hospitals Ningi and Jama'are have been completed and commissioned.
- (c) Construction of the New General Hospital Kafin Madaki is at 90%.
- (d) Construction of General Hospital Zaki has reached 85% level of completion.
- (e) The new General Hospital Azare and Giade have been completed and commissioned by His Excellency in 2008.
- (f) The General Hospitals Dambam, and Bogoro have been completed and are ready for commissioning
- (g) Site for the new General Hospital Bauchi has been provided by the Ministry of Land in collaboration with Bauchi Local Government. Design and Bill of Quantities have been completed. Work will started in earnest. 5:28
- (h) Designs, BOQ and other preliminary work for the next batch of Hospitals earmarked for upgrading is been processed. The

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hospitals are General Hospitals Toro, Alkali, Gamawa, Darazo and Misau.

- (i) Construction of 2No. 1 Bedroom 3 Storey Transit Camp for Doctors at Specialist Hospital Bauchi has been completed.
- (j) Completion and furnishing of 3No. Medical wards at Specialist Hospital Bauchi have been completed and commissioned.
- (k) Construction, furnishing and equipping of New Accident and Emergency Centre has been completed and commissioned.
- (l) Construction of New hospital complex at Bayara General Hospital has commenced.

Bauchi Teaching Hospital
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(v) **Health Training Schools:**

- (a) The schools of Nursing and Midwifery, Bauchi have been renovated.
- (b) Government have provided the outstanding needs of the School of Health Technology, Ningi and moved students to the permanent site on April, 18th, 2008 at the cost of over ₦800m.
- (c) Approval has been granted for the establishment of college of Medical Sciences by the Federal Government/President, this necessitate the need for upgrading of Specialist Hospital Bauchi to Teaching Hospital.
- (d) School of Agriculture has been proposed to be the College of Medical Science with complete rehabilitation of the School.

- (e) Team of professors inspected Specialist Hospital Bauchi and were satisfied with the facilities and recommend it for Teaching Hospitals considering the neatness, size, facilities, structures, etc.
- (f) The Specialist Hospital, Bauchi was finally handed over to the Federal Government as a teaching Hospital on Thursday, 27th January, 2010.
- (g) Bauchi State Government and Al-Basar Foundation sponsored joint Free Eye Camp at Specialist Hospital Bauchi and General Hospital Misau at the cost of \$100,000.00 (N11,000,000.00) August, 2007. Similarly Bauchi State Government has during the period under review sponsored Free Surgery of Cancrum Oris (Noma), Cleft lip, cleft palate and Goitre at the cost of ₦5,500,000.00, November, 2008.
- (h) The Government has fully Sponsored 23 female and 20 male students for training in Medicine at Egypt.

vi. **Policy:**

- (a) In order to attract and retain quality health manpower, this administration has developed the Bauchi State Human Resource for Health Policy. The policy addresses most of the concerns of health workers such as remuneration, training, housing, car loan, continuing professional development among other things. Already, government has approved HATISS IV as the salary scheme for health workers in the State. At the moment *Brand New Cars* are being given to workers in the State (health workers

inclusive) on loan. Many health workers have gone to various parts of the world and within the country for *Training on Sponsorship* by the government. The Nurses quarters in Bauchi have been sold to the occupiers on Owner-Occupier basis by the government. Other health workers including Doctors are waiting for the government proposed *5000 Housing* units in the State so they could also take advantage of the scheme and buy their own houses and become home owners.

- (b) The State Strategic Health Development Plan 2010 – 2015, 1st & 2nd draft including the final draft has been submitted to the federal Ministry of Health for adoption in to the National frame work.

vii.

Donor Agency Support/Technical Assistance.

At the inception of administration, we found World Bank, ADB, UNICEF, WHO, CIDA and UNFPA supporting various health Programmes in the State, on our part, we have been working to provide an enabling environment for them to function. We pay our counterpart funding promptly as ^{at} when due.

- (a). GHAIN – are now in Bauchi State providing HIV/AIDS treatment support to ten local governments in the State.
- (b). EU – Prime – are in the State supporting the development of our cold stores and other immunization logistics.

- (c). The University of Mansura (Urology Centre) in Egypt has offered the State three (3) training slots for our Doctors to undergo 3 - 6 months training.
- (d). Arab Technical Fund for Africa has agreed to send us Special Consultant Medical Doctors of various disciplines to come and beef-up our health manpower needs and also help in training our House Officers.
- (e). Africa International Medical Relief has just offered us nine (9) State of the art ambulances as donation plus training slots for ten (10) health workers in Germany on emergency Medicare. The organizations were here on the 7/11/2008 and emphasize their intention to support the state with Ambulances and training slots.
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National Health Insurance Scheme (NIHS)

NIHS has successfully taken-off in the State. The MOU with NHIS national has been sign. Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO) have been dully signed. Registration of participants of the scheme is completed in the State. The capitation of N45m