

NHED

NETWORK FOR HEALTH EQUITY AND
DEVELOPMENT



NHED Profile & Capability Statement

NHED is a not-for-profit organization with key mandates to contribute to the health, wellbeing and development of individuals and institutions by providing health systems strengthening interventions especially on health governance and accountability, technical support on Primary health care (PHC), and implementing health related programs and advocacy at the national, state and community levels.

We are continually driven to contribute significantly to the use of effective and efficient pro-poor health interventions for the transformation of the Nigerian health sector drawing on knowledge and expertise that hinges on international norms and best practices. We have in recent times scaled up our activities to supporting the needy and underprivileged especially those in conflict areas or displaced by crisis.

Our core values include: promoting equity and excellence; charity; transparency and accountability; patriotism and innovativeness.

The organization is made up of Nigerian health and development professionals who have worked at the highest level of health governance in the public, private and development sectors, including the academia. Their cumulative experience is over 380 years.

Areas of CORE INTEREST AND EXPERTISE

These include social research, training and capacity building in a broad spectrum of health and health system issues especially health governance reform initiatives; organizational/impact assessments and capacity development; monitoring & evaluation, program management, high level advocacy and social mobilisation. We also provide humanitarian services and health support to those affected by conflicts and natural disasters.

Our Experience

NHED team has successfully implemented a 3 year Micronutrient Initiative (MI) nutrition program to support low dose Iron and Folic acid supplementation to prevent anaemia in pregnant women and Zinc, I-ORS intervention for the treatment and prevention of diarrheal in children under five. The project covered about 18 million population in five Northern States of Nigeria (Zamfara, Katsina, Jigawa, Kano and Yobe States).



NHED has worked closely with the FMOH, NPHCDA and various state level health organisations (MOH, SPHDA or Boards) in a number of states to develop, refine and disseminate the policy of State PHC Boards/ Agencies and bring the implementation of PHC services under one roof. This PHC governance policy is known as Primary Health Care Under one roof (PHCUOR) and it has been incorporated into the National Health Act.

Some members of NHED team are actively participating in the various National Technical Committees of the FMOH on the implementation of the National Health Act in which one of them is a co-chair of its Governance subcommittee. In addition, one of our members is the chairman of the NPHCDA steering committee on PHCUOR implementation.

Members of the team were involved in the development of the PHCUOR score card and development of NPHCDA draft guidelines on PHCUOR implementation.

We are currently supporting the Nigerian Governors' Forum through an advocacy program to strengthen their commitment on the implementation of the PHCUOR in line with the National Health Act (NHAct). This high level advocacy project is funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Another key outcome of the project is to strengthen collaboration between NGF, FMOH and NPHCDA in the implementation of PHCUOR to ensure sustained the gains beyond the life span of the project.

Humanitarian Assistance

We conducted a situation analysis on the Maternal New born Child Health of IDP camps in Yobe State. The report has been shared with national and international funding organisations to guide approaches for improvement in meeting the MNCH needs of IDP camps in the North East Nigeria. We are also currently supporting one of the IDP camps in Abuja.

