

Review of the Nigeria RMNCAH+N (GFF) Investment Case

BACKGROUND

The RMNCAH + N Investment Case was developed by the RMNCH+N sub-group of the Nigerian State Health Investment Project 2 (NSHIP II) Technical Working Group (TWG) to operationalize the Global Financing Facility and accelerate results for women, children and adolescents in Nigeria. This Investment Case lays out a strategy that focuses on results and not inputs and is actively pro-poor. The investment case has laid out monitoring and evaluation framework to track the progress and measure results on the set goals, objectives and targets of the investment case; enable informed decision making by policy makers; assess the health status of RMNCAH population and for accountability purposes.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ANALYSIS

- To review the investment case for better understanding of the relationship between objectives, targets, interventions and proposed cost.
- To assess the gaps and challenges that may occur during implementation.

- To proffer key recommendations and solutions that will enrich broader review of IC in 2020 and improve implementation.
- To give an empirical review of RMNCAH+N (GFF) Investment case with the focus on resources for the implementation of Basic Health Care Provision Fund in six piloted states to give a critical review of the baseline, targets and results.

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We call on Government of Nigeria to develop funding strategy and fiscal space analysis for the RMNCAH+N Investment Case in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders.

METHODOLOGY

The review was conducted during a two day technical retreat covering

21st-22nd July, 2018. It was collectively done by members of Nigeria CSOs Working Group for the GFF, National Advocates for Health (NA4H), Nigeria Youths Champions for Universal Health Coverage (NYC4UHC), with technical support from Africa Health Budget Network (AHBN) and Community Health and Research Initiative (CHR). The analysis focused on;

- The Investment Case priorities
- The gaps
- Recommendations to engage national and sub-national leaders.
- Developed advocacy messages and tools to engage national and sub-national leaders.

The review was organized into four thematic areas and summarized in a tabular format as shown below:

- Situation analysis
- Goals, result and objectives
- Prioritization for RMNCAH+N interventions
- Financing RMNCAH+N GFF investment case.

Situation Analysis

Issues covered	Observations	Recommendations
<p>The chapter highlighted; maternal and under 5 child mortality prevalence rates, adolescent health problems, sexual and reproductive health rights, gender issues, HIV/AIDS, low contraceptive prevalence rates, North East Humanitarian Economic Recovery Growth Plan and health care service delivery system.</p> <p>It further highlighted civil registration and vital statistics, health finances for RMNCAH+N in Nigeria, cross-cutting determinant of RMNCAH+N service delivery, demographic dividend for economic development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Recovery and Peace Building Assessment (RPBA) findings on Health Services in the North East paints a grim picture. • The passage of the National Health Act signifies intention to accelerate efforts to move quickly towards UHC. • There is a significantly low public investment in health. 	<p>We call on the Government of Nigeria (GoN) to develop a framework that will guide implementation of RMNCAH+N services in partnership with private sector and Civil Society Organisations.</p>

Goals, Result and Objectives

Issues covered	Observations	Recommendations
<p>The Investment Case (IC) has an overall goal of reducing Maternal and Child death.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inline with the National Strategic Health Plan (NSHP), the IC has proposed 43% mCPR by 2021 with bench mark of 11% in 2013. • The IC has proposed 50% reduction of maternal mortality rate and under 5 mortality rate by 2021. • The IC also proposed 50% increase in skilled birth attendant and postnatal coverage. • It also proposed access to Adolescent Youth Friendly Health Services (AYFHS) by 60% with no baseline data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GoN should do proper review of the IC and capture baseline data that are not available in order to track progress on how the targets will be achieved. • The IC has proposed 50% reduction of many health indices without showing the incremental steps, we therefore call on the GoN to provide the evidence for that. • The mCPR signifies 200% increase with a baseline of 11% in 2013. The target looks ambitious, we therefore call on the GoN to revise the target.

Prioritization for RMNCAH+N Interventions

Issues covered	Observations	Recommendations
<p>This Chapter highlighted the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanded provision of Basic Minimum Package of Health Services (BMPHS) under the National Health Act. Provision of a Minimum Package of Activities (MPA) under the Nigerian State Health Investment Project (NSHIP). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 13 of the RMNCAH+N services are covered in the Minimum Package of Activities (MPA) as outlined in the IC. There are no scale up plans for the BMPHS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We call on the GoN to ensure full scale implementation of Expanded Minimum Package in all 36 states including the FCT. We call on the GoN to Develop Scale-up plans for BMPHS.

Financing RMNCAH+N GFF Investment Case

Issues covered	Observations	Recommendations
<p>The IC has proposed the following sources of funding to finance its implementation;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National budget The International Development Association. (IDA) The GFF Trust Fund 	<p>The Investment Case has not provided a clear funding strategy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We call on GoN to develop funding strategy and fiscal space analysis for the IC in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders such as Healthcare providers and Civil Society Organisations We call on the GoN to create additional innovative and sustainable funding opportunities such as from the private sector to finance the IC. The GoN should provide funding for the BHCPF under a statutory allocation



The National Advocates for Health (NA4H) established in 2017, is a 26 member policy and advocacy think tank comprising of distinguished individuals from diverse professional backgrounds. It aims to influence national and state level health financing policies and programmes, ensures adequate allocation, timely disbursement and spending of the health budget in an efficient, transparent and accountable ways.

The Nigeria Civil Society Working Group for the GFF comprises of non-governmental organizations, women groups, young people, faith-based groups and health professionals committed to promoting civil society participation, engagement, accountability and transparency in the implementation of GFF in Nigeria.

Nigerian Youth Champions for Universal Health Coverage (NYC4UHC) is a movement towards attaining Universal Health Coverage in Nigeria. The group is a youth led coalition of vibrant, passionate and resourceful young individuals, joining efforts to advocate for quality and accessible health services towards the attainment of UHC in Nigeria, established in 2018.

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