



SYNOPSIS ON HEALTHCARE FINANCING AND HEALTH SYSTEM IN NIGERIA (2021)

About the Synopsis

The synopsis is designed to empower advocates and the general public with up-to-date, verifiable information on key Nigeria indicators for health systems, financing, and population. The document is intended to create wider public awareness and knowledge on the current state of healthcare in Nigeria, in order to promote credible discussions and civic engagement for improved healthcare delivery.



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HEALTHCARE FINANCING

Nigeria (2018)

Health Expenditure:

Per capita (current US\$)	\$83.75
Total (% of GDP)	3.89%
Public (% of government expenditure)	4.44%
Public (% of total health expenditure)	14.87%
External resources for health (% of total expenditure on health)	7.86%
Out-of-pocket (% of total expenditure on health)	76.6%
National health insurance coverage (% of total population)	8%*

Source: (World Bank, 2018) *National Health Insurance Scheme



POPULATION

Nigeria (2019)

Total (in million)	200
Ages 0-14 (% of total)	44%
Ages 15-64 (% of total)	53%
Ages 65-above (% of total)	3%
Rural (% of total population)	49%
Living in poverty (% of total population)	40.1%*

Source: (World Bank, 2019) *National Bureau of Statistics



FAMILY PLANNING FINANCING

Nigeria (2020)

Federal Government of Nigeria	\$4 million
UNFPA	\$10 million
FCDO (UK government)	\$4 million
Estimated Cost for 5-Year FP Costed Implementation Plan	\$252.01 million

Source: (Federal Ministry of Health, 2020)



HEALTH OUTCOMES

Nigeria (2018)

Life expectancy at birth, total (years)	54*
Maternal mortality ratio (modeled estimate, per 100,000 live births)	512
Mortality rate, infant (per 1,000 live births)	67
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	132
Fertility rate, total (births per woman)	5.3

Source: (World Bank 2018) *Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey