



Organizational Brief Profile

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About AHBN (<https://africahbn.info/>)

The Africa Health Budget Network (AHBN) is an organisation that uses budget advocacy and accountability to improve health service delivery in Africa. AHBN's main purpose is to advance and embed improvements in health budget allocation, spending, transparency, participation, and accountability aimed at increasing greater investment in health and wellbeing. AHBN was envisioned in 2006, founded in 2013 and launched at the 2014 PMNCH Partners Forum in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mission Statement

AHBN fosters transparent, accountable, sustainable, and innovative health financing for Africa by enabling African Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Advocates to meaningfully influence investment that improves overall health and wellbeing

AHBN is legally registered and incorporated as '**Africa Health Budget Initiative (AHBI)**', in the year 2018 in Nigeria with a registration number; **RC 119436**. The two acronyms 'AHBN' and 'AHBI' can be used interchangeably. It is located at No. 9 Berbera Street, Wuse Zone 6, Abuja, Nigeria.

The AHBN is in full compliance with all the relevant Nigeria's regulatory and financial policies and statutory laws, such as annual tax clearance by the Federal Inland Revenue Services, annual reporting to Corporate Affairs Commission and has

secured Special Control Unit against Money laundering Certificate of the Economic and Financial Crime Commission.

In the financial year '2021', AHBN's income is approximated at USD 1.6million.

AHBN is a certified organization as equivalent to a Certified Public Charity in the USA. An ED certificate for AHBN is available in the NGOsource repository and available to member grantmakers upon request. AFRICA HEALTH BUDGET INITIATIVE's Equivalency Determination certification is valid through 12/31/2022.

AHBN is a member of the following;

1. AHBN hosts the global secretariat of the Community of Practitioners on Accountability and Social Action in Health (COPASAH), a global south bottom-up accountability peer learning network.
2. AHBN is a founding member in 2016 of the Global Civil Society Coordinating Group for the GFF.
3. AHBN is a member of PMNCH since 2014, currently sits on its Board of Champions and a member of its Partners in-country Engagement committee.
4. AHBN is a member of the FP2030 CSOs' Accountability Advisory Group and a member of the steering

committee developing its accountability and advocacy strategy.

5. AHBN is a member of the UHC2030 International Health Partnership and a member of State of UHC Commitment Task Team convened by UHC2030 Secretariat.
6. AHBN is a member of the Global Action Plan for the Sustainable Development Goal 3 Civil Society Advisory Group.
7. AHBN is a member of the UNITING to COMBAT Neglected Tropical Diseases

In AHBN, we do the following.

- We gather, synthesize, and analyse evidence including on health budget and finances for RMNCAH+N and support our members' advocacy and accountability efforts.
- We organize physical and virtual consultations on African health advocacy priorities, summarize and disseminate to larger audience.
- We catalyse and support COVID-19 Finances Accountability Working Group in West African Countries – *Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.*
- We support members to take forward advocacy and monitoring of financial commitments made within existing accountability platforms at national and regional levels.
- We build the capacity of African CSOs including young people and women groups to engage

governments at all levels in a transparent and accountable ways.

- We advocate and ensure governments fulfil local and international financial commitments made to improve the health outcomes of all citizens in Africa with a focus to women, adolescents and children health.
- We bridge the representation gap of African civil society groups on global advocacy on health financing and strengthen African civil society engagement within global, regional, and national accountability frameworks and mechanisms.
- We influence finances on RMNCAH+N including Family Planning with experience in supporting civil society organisations in *Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Senegal and Tanzania.*
- We gain credibility and space by informing and coordinating inputs from civil society on health financing topics into accountability structures, for example the Global Financing Facility for women and children, FP2030, UHC2030, GAP for SDG3, PMNCH, COPASAH.
- We host an online not-for profit newspaper in Africa that amplifies health issues- <https://healthreporters.info/>