



# Rural Health Mission Nigeria

Eliminating Barriers to Quality Healthcare Access...

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**A COMMUNIQUE, AT THE END OF A ONE-DAY “STAKEHOLDERS’  
ENGAGEMENT AND DIALOGUE” THAT TOOK PLACE AT THE BANQUET HALL  
OF MAIDUGU HOTEL, GOMBE, GOMBE STATE.**

**HOSTED BY RURAL HEALTH MISSION NIGERIA**

**DECEMBER, 14<sup>TH</sup> 2022**

## **PREAMBLE**

The “Stakcholders’ engagement and Dialogue” is an annual event hosted by Rural Health Mission Nigeria to commemorate the world universal health coverage day. The goal of this event is to provide a friendly platform for policy makers, civil society leaders, activists, media and other actors to explore collaborative opportunities in order to advance universal health coverage in the state and Nigeria at large.

This year’s event which is the third edition, is aimed at;

- 1) Providing a networking opportunity for policy makers and advocates to engage and share experience that promotes UCH in Gombe state and
- 2) Identifying advocacy opportunities and collaboration to improve health access in state.

The theme of the 2022 edition is “**Building a Resilient and Sustainable Health System for Improved Universal Health Coverage**” With sub-themes;

- a) Primary Health Care: The Road to sustainable Health care in Nigeria;
- b) Health Insurance: A Visionary Intervention for strengthening Community Health in Nigeria.

Three speakers and experts that facilitated the discussion were drawn from the Gombe state ministry of health, Gombe state contributory health scheme (GoHealth), and Gombe state college of health technology, Kaltungo with participants cutting across government ministries/agencies, civil society organizations, religious leaders, community representatives and media actors.

## **OBSERVATIONS/COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The Hon. Commissioner for health, Gombe state, Dr Habu Dahiru who was the guest speaker encouraged participants to focus on developing local solutions to achieve universal health coverage in the state while taking into consideration of our local peculiarities.
2. The second speaker, Dr Saini James, The Provost College of health technology, Kaltungo who spoke on role of primary healthcare noted that primary healthcare is the most inclusive, equitable and cost-effective way to achieve a resilient universal health coverage. He added that primary healthcare is central at providing curative, rehabilitative, promotive and preventive healthcare services to the community in a way that is centered on people’s needs and respects their preferences. He recommended that government at all levels should



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strengthen other components of primary healthcare such as health education, nutrition, supply of safe water, basic sanitation, among others to enhance universal health coverage.

3. Participants decry negative attitude of healthcare workers toward patients-care and recommends that health workers should always uphold high level of professionalism in discharging their duties.
4. The third speaker, the executive secretary, Gombe state contributory healthcare management agency, Dr Abubakar Musa who was represented by Mr Tanimu Umar spoke on the role of health insurance policy in promoting UHC, identified and recommends the wide adoption of the community-based health insurance program to improve health financing in the state.
5. Participants noted with delight the inclusion of sickle cell patients in the GoHealth program in that state which was one of the last year's (2021) stakeholders' recommendations been considered by the state government.
6. Participants applauds the successes recorded by the GoHealth program and calls for increased coverage of beneficiaries while encouraging civil society organizations, media actors and community representatives to continue sensitizing the community and closely monitor the services provided to ensure sustainability.
7. Participants recommended for the prioritization of maternal and child health in the annual state budget with a specific budget line to curb the surge in maternal and child mortality.
8. Participants also recommended for increased budgetary allocation to health in the state annual budget to meet the 15% Abuja declaration.
9. Participants encouraged civil society organizations and media actors to increase advocacy on and track government spendings on healthcare to promote transparency and accountability
10. Participants calls for prioritization and increased enrollment of people living with disabilities in the GoHealth program as majority of the group still not yet covered by the scheme.
11. Participants appreciates Rural Health Mission Nigeria hosting this event and recommended inclusion of other critical agencies such as ministry of environment, water supply agencies etc in the dialogue and expansion of the dialogue to a regional or national level.

#### The participants

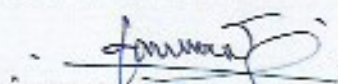
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1	Gombe state Ministry of health	2
2	Ministry of finance	1
3	GoHealth	1
4	Gombe State Primary Health Care Development Agency	1
5	National Orientation Agency	1
6	National Health Insurance Authority	3
7	Religious Representative	2
8	Traditional leaders	2
9	Civil Society Representatives	35
10	Media Representatives	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>



**Mohammed Adamu Suleh**  
(Chairman organizing committee)

21/12/22

Date



**Tukur Muhammad Jibrin**  
(Secretary organizing committee)

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