

# **WORK PLAN**

**Based on the recommendations contained in the Draft Communique issued post the HFN interactive breakfast meeting held at Four Points by Sheraton, Victoria Island, Lagos State on 11 February 2022**

**Comprising the key actions to be taken, responsible parties and timelines**

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1	Implementation of the National Health Insurance bill to make health insurance mandatory for all Nigerians	Awareness of the importance of a well-designed and implemented health insurance scheme to the health system in Nigeria	Senate Committee on Health								
		Advocacy for the passage of the National Health Insurance Bill	Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) / HFN								
2	Implementation of an integrated regulatory framework at the federal level is limited by the provisions of the Nigerian constitution. Focus should be on optimising and harmonizing sub-national health facility regulators and monitoring agencies to achieve international standards	Advocacy from the Healthcare Federation of Nigeria and other stakeholders for the adoption of uniform standards and criteria for establishing and operating health facilities in Nigeria	Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH)								
		Buy-in from the Federal Ministry of Health, regulatory agencies, and providers	Healthcare Federation of Nigeria (HFN)								
		Coordination between the Federal Ministry of Health, State Health Monitoring agencies and healthcare providers to define and implement uniform standards	Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH)								

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3	Advocacy for Fertility and Reproductive Health to enhance focus on provisions for Reproductive Health within existing and future policies. Need for a NASS bill to regulate the Fertility and Reproductive Health Specialty in Nigeria	Engagement with key stakeholders within the Federal Ministry of Health	HFN (Association for Fertility and Reproductive Health)								
4	Urgent passage of the Mental Health Bill as well as articulate a National Strategic Plan for addressing Mental Health in Nigeria	National Assembly required to pass the Mental Health Bill and signed off into law	Senate and House Committee on Health								
5	Harmonize and adopt uniform standards and criteria for establishing and operating health facilities across the country.	Zoning criteria, standards for licensing establishments need to exist. This would require coordination from the Ministry of Health, state agencies and private sector players	Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists, etc HFN								
6	Emphasis must be placed on the development and incentivisation of local talent / human capital – to reverse brain drain and achieve brain gain	Local Content requirements, infrastructure provision, improvement in Ease of Doing Business	Ministries of Health, Education, Finance, Justice All Healthcare Stakeholders HFN								

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7	Develop and implement a structured training program for the relevant support healthcare workers particularly within Nursing and Midwifery	Buy in from the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria;									
		Advocacy with the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria to develop and implement a structured training program for support staff and relevant health workers									
8	The establishment of a directorate of biomedical engineering at the Ministry of Health would be beneficial to promoting international best practices in the biomedical engineering (production, importation, installation, regulating and operation) sub-sector in Nigeria	Buy-in within the Federal Ministry of Health (Department of Hospital Services)	HFN (Biomedical Engineering Sector representatives)								
9	Advocate for greater integration across various collaborating regulators of biomedical devices e.g., NAFDAC, SON, NNRA, etc. to implement regulation and guidelines pertaining to the importation and distribution of biomedical devices within Nigeria.	Buy-in and collaboration across MDAs including FMOH, NAFDAC, SON, NNRA, etc	HFN (Biomedical Engineering Sector representatives)								

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10	The establishment of a contract manufacturing policy would require input and extensive engagement of all the relevant stakeholders from various MDAs including: The Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Investments	Buy-in from the relevant MDAs including The Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Investments	Nigerian Representatives of Overseas Pharmaceutical Manufacturers (NIROPHARM)								
			Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Group of Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (PMG-MAN)								
11	A portion of the CBN intervention fund should be earmarked for contract manufacturing partnerships to encourage technology transfer and to support green field contract manufacturers, with manufacturing incentives extended to both the principal and the contractor	Prioritisation of the healthcare sector for access to forex at CBN official rates	PMG-MAN NIROPHARM HFN								
12	The elimination of customs duties and other levies on active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) should be implemented by the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health, Nigerian Customs Services, etc.	Multi-stakeholder collaboration and buy-in across ministries and agencies such as: FMOH, FMOF, Nigeria Customs Services, etc.	Federal Ministry of Health								
		Extensive advocacy with stakeholders – Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health, private sector, etc.	Healthcare Federation of Nigeria								

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13	Advocacy for the review of the HS Codes (pertaining to the importation of key pharmaceutical ingredients and biomedical devices into Nigeria) to the Ministry of Finance, via the Ministry of Health, and Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission for the necessary changes to be encoded into the Finance Act	Buy-in from the leadership of the Ministries of Finance, Health, and the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission	NIPC Ministry of Health HFN (Finance Committee)								
14	Advocate for greater collaboration between the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN) and the government to ensure stricter enforcement of existing regulation on drug distribution and PPMVs	Extensive advocacy, including a stakeholder roundtable comprising relevant stakeholders e.g., PCN, NAFDAC, etc.	Pharmacists Council of Nigeria								
			Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria - Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria (PSN-ACPN)								
15	Engage relevant stakeholders to facilitate disbursement of funds following the review of outstanding payments of the backlog of finished pharmaceutical supplies to tertiary institutions.	N/A	PMG-MAN HFN								

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16	Development and articulation of incentives to encourage the assimilation of skilled returnee Nigerians and expatriates	Engagement with key stakeholders within the Federal Ministry of Health, State Ministries of Health and other Health parastatals	HFN (Health Business Network)								
			Federal Ministry of Health								
17	Stakeholder roundtable be facilitated to review the challenges and explore the potential of the telehealth in Nigeria	Framework for mainstreaming telehealth would require integration between Ministry of Health, Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA)	HFN								
		Stakeholder roundtable to review the potential and possible challenges to telehealth in Nigeria									
18	Review of the high cost of NAFDAC registration fees in the agricultural subsector of drugs, vaccines, and biologicals to improve livestock farming, animal health and prevent zoonotic infections		NAFDAC SAVAN HFN *SO								

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19	Government to provide financial support to cover welfare package for pharmaceutical / medical interns	Appropriation Act	National Assembly Ministry of Health Ministry of Finance MDCN, PCN, etc								
20	Include dental fertility products clauses in the proposed Healthcare Incentivization policy and speedy implementation of same		Ministry of Health Nigerian Investment Promotion Council HFN								

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