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## SAVING ONE MILLION LIVES *PROGRAM FOR RESULTS*

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### 6<sup>TH</sup> STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

by Lawrence Odidi

**E**xcerpt from the 6<sup>th</sup> national steering committee meeting of Saving One Million Lives Program for Results (SOML-PforR).

The meeting was held at Park Inn Hotel in Abeokuta, Ogun state on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 2017.

The objective of the meeting was to give report on the 2017 fund disbursement.

Present at the meeting were the HMH Professor Isaac Adewole, Chairman Senate committee on health, Permanent secretary for the ministry of health, Honourable Commissioners of Health for States, Directors and other representatives of FMoH, FMoH Agencies, State Program Managers, IVAs, National PMU and Development Partners.

Discussions at the meeting was centred on

- The need for states to continue to use their SOML funds judiciously knowing fully well that all eyes are on the programme.

- States were informed of the results of the calculation of earnings under DLI 1.2 of the SOML-PforR.
- The need for State commissioners to encourage their governors to invest in the health sector.

The need for the national PMU to continue to provide the needed support to the states.



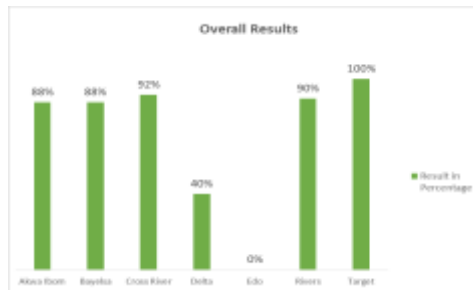
## 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER PMA 2017

The National Program Management Unit of SOML-PforR has set out to commence its 2017, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Performance Management Assessment exercise. This exercise is carried out in all the 36 states in the 6 geo-political zones in the country plus FCT. The aim of the exercise is to provide quantifiable description of current levels of states performance towards meeting programme management targets as required under the SOML-PforR, to encourage timely modification as maybe required by states to improve results to qualify for performance bonuses and to track changes in state performance management eventually.

States are assessed and measured under 4 system indicators: (1) Review of action plans, (2) development and updating of action plans, (3) evidences of continuous analysis of weaknesses in delivering primary health care services and (4) having a designated lead performance management officer (state performance manager -SPM). The target for all states is 100% and States that achieve this is at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is incentivized with \$160, 000 performance bonuses.



1<sup>st</sup> Quarter PMA Result for SSZ



2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter PMA Result for SSZ



3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter PMA Result for SSZ

### SMART NUTRITION 2018



The National nutrition and health survey, a household survey which is designed to provide up-to-date information on the situation of children and women in the country has commenced with the training of field staff for household listing.

The aim of the household listing workshop is to create a complete and updated list of households for all selected clusters so that the sample households can represent the total population. The listing exercise is known to be one of most important biased correction procedures which provides complete and recent information on number of households for each selected cluster in the survey.

Participants at the training were field staff from state offices of National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and National Population Commission (NPopC).

Facilitators were drawn from NBS Headquarters, Unicef Head Office and Saving One Million Lives Programme for Results (SOML-PforR) National Office.

The training was humbly chaired by the National Programme Manager for SOML-PforR in person of Dr. Ibrahim Kana who was ably supported by Dr I.A. Olarewaju - Project Director, Mr B.M. Samanja - Representative of The Statistician General, Mr S.A. Adeniran - National Coordinator, Mr Adeyeye Elutade - Resource Person, Miss Abigail Solademi - Resource Person, Mr Akinyemi Akindele - Resource Person, Mr Ernest Pius - Resource Person, Mrs Hauwa Umar - Resource Person and Mr Ahmed Sanusi - SMART Nutrition Consultant. Also present were SOML-PforR Programme Management Unit team members in persons of Dr. Solanke Tosin Olulope, Dr. Jibrin Suleiman, Dr. Okara Dogara Buzi and Mr. Lawrence Odidi.

The National Programme manager in his opening remark emphasized the importance of the national nutrition and health survey to SOML-PforR Programme. He stated clearly that results from the survey serves as a tool for measuring performance improvement for states to achieve Disbursement Link Indicators (DLI) 1.2 in the SOML-PforR initiative.

Hence, He encouraged all field staff to put in their best in making sure that the household listing exercise is done effectively without bias because this forms the foundation for the interviewers to



achieve transparent data collection that will give credibility to the survey in general.



## 2017 disbursement under Disbursement Linked Indicator (DLI) 1.2

by Lawrence Odidi

The process for fund disbursement to eligible states under DLI 1.2 has begun. Under this DLI, states are required to have improved performance results from their baseline on the following six key indicators; (1) immunization coverage - Pentavalent3; (2) insecticide-treated net (ITN) use by children < 5; (3) proportion of pregnant women who receive HIV counselling and testing as part of their antenatal care; (4) proportion of mothers benefiting from skilled birth attendance; (5) contraceptive prevalence rate using modern methods; and (6) Vitamin A coverage among children 6 - 59 months. These indicators are a

representative of the six pillars of SOML-PforR and are among the most cost-effective means for saving the lives of mothers and children in our country.

The federal government is making preparation to disburse funds to states who have earned incentives after comparison of states performance results improvement from the baseline results from SMART 2015 and MICS/NICS 2016 performance results.

Twelve states had positive changes that were above the threshold and they earned a total of \$60,969,500.00.

States who did not earn incentives under this DLI are advised not to agonize but to strategies on how to achieve this come next disbursement.

S/N	STATES	AMOUNT EARNED
1	Zamfara	\$9,630,500.00
2	Adamawa	\$7,019,000.00
3	Katsina	\$6,629,500.00
4	FCT	\$6,855,000.00
5	Yobe	\$5,871,000.00
6	Cross River	\$5,645,500.00
7	Kwara	\$4,202,500.00
8	Rivers	\$3,382,500.00
9	Benue	\$3,403,000.00
10	Bayelsa	\$2,460,000.00
11	Kogi	\$1,619,500.00
12	Edo	\$656,000.00



## An Overview of the SOML-PforR Programme presentation to the DG, NACA, Prof. Sani Aliyu by the SOML-PforR National Programme Manager, Dr. Ibrahim Kana.

**D**r. Ibrahim Kana made and elucidated Prof. Sani Aliyu and the participants (Dr. Solanke, Dr. Dogara K., Mr. Odidi L, Mr. Daniel U. of NACA, and Mr. Bravo Otoharu of NACA) on the presentation of the overview of the SOML-PforR programme.

The DG, NACA Prof. Sani Aliyu praised and commended the SOML-PforR manager for a wonderful job he has put together. He advised that there is need for the programme to go extra mile to capture data from all survey indicators. He also promised to link up and work with the SOML-PforR programme, Gate foundation and SKM department of NACA on the Basic Health Care.



Odidi (SOML-PforR) Benson Odama DD (IDA), Oluremi Onabanjo AD (SS), Paul Daloba CAO.



### Excerpts from the meeting between SOML-PforR and Director International Economic Relations Department, Federal Ministry of Finance.



**P**ictures showing the National Program Manager, Dr. Ibrahim Kana giving updates on the 2017 disbursement, status of SOML-PforR activities, achievements and challenges. Also in attendance are The director international Economic Department of the Fed. Min. of Finance in person of Aliyu Ahmed. Also in attendance are Dr. Solanke (SOML-PforR), Mr. Lawrence



## A Courtesy visit by the SOML-PforR Boss to The FCT Health and Human Services Secretariat

The National program manager SOML-PforR, Dr. Ibrahim Kana on a courtesy visit to the FCT Health and Human Services Secretariat (HHSS) Boss, Barr. Amanda Pam at her office.

The Visit was to strengthen the relation between FMH SOML-PforR and the FCT HHSS and for further collaborations. Dr. Kana who was accompanied by the SOML-PforR North-Central and North-East Coordinator, Dr. Okara Dogara added that the results of the performance evaluation of SOML-PforR for 2016/2017 which placed FCT as the North-Central champion amongst the twelve

(12) state of the federation that qualify to earn more funds from the program.

On the issue of bureaucratic bottle necks, Dr. Kana promised to pay an advocacy visit to the Honorable FCT Minister, Mallam, Muhammad Musa Bello and the Permanent Secretary FCTA, Sir, Chinyeaka Ohaa with a view to create more awareness and the smooth implementation of FCT SOML-PforR work plans.

The HHSS Boss Barr. Pam assured the SOML-PforR Boss of the FCT administration's unflinching support towards achieving the set objectives of the SOML-PforR in the territory.



## SOML-PforR Office Space



The Office building



The Conference Room

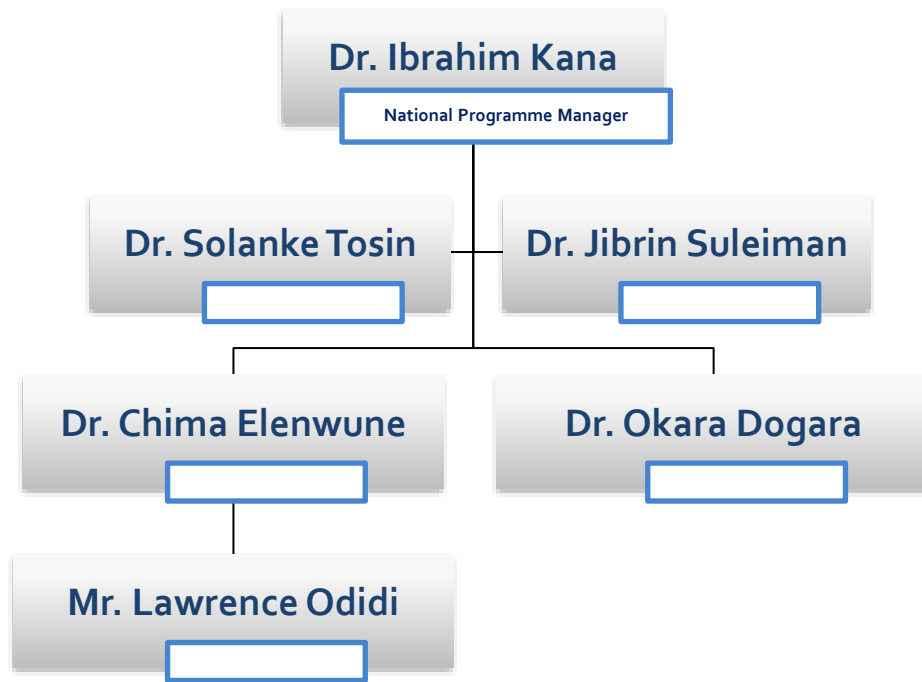


The Front Office



The Office Workstations





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