



Roll-out of Sustainable Drug Supply System in Katsina

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Following the review of the drug supply and management system, PRRINN-MNCH supported Katsina State to implement the strategies already developed to establish an SDSS across selected public health facilities in the State. This report covers series of missions from August to December 2009 in accordance with the stages outlined in the ToRs, summarised as follows:

Engagements (Advocacy) with State level officials, Drug Selection, Quantification, Procurement, and Development of Operational Guidelines

This stage covered three missions, during which the consultants had deeper engagement with policy makers and technocrats through meetings and discussions held at the SMOH, HMB, LGA, MOLG, and central medical store. The engagement helped to deepen their understanding and facilitate greater local ownership and drive for a smooth implementation. Key stakeholders who will champion the implementation were identified. The DPS SMOH was unanimously selected as the SDSS focal person/SDSS champion.

Agreement on the EDL and quantification of drug and consumable needs was carried out after wide consultations with stakeholders at the selected facilities and the supervising ministries. The selected list was submitted for procurement through Crown Agents. The consultants further harmonized the format for the EDL/SDSS list and provided quality assurance to align the structure and content to standard based on best practices.

This stage ended with the development of Operational Guidelines by consensus during a conference held with stakeholders.

Development of Financial Management (FM) Training Curricula, Training of Financial Management Team (of the ISF) and set up of Financial Management System in CEOCs, BEOCs Facilities and LGA Stores

One mission was carried out during this stage in November 2009 following the development of Operational Guidelines. During this mission, the consultants:

- developed FM training curricula for the various levels of healthcare institutions
- trained in-state facilitators (accountants)
- set up FM system in some facilities.

Development of SDSS Training Curricula, Training of In-State Facilitators and Facility Staff and Establishment of SDSS in selected Facilities (1 CEOC, 4 BEOCs & 8 PHCs) and each LGA Store in one selected CEOC cluster

This stage of the assignment commenced in December 2009. During the mission, the consultants adapted existing curricula and developed several training curricula for different levels of health care including:

- SDSS curricula for CEOC and BEOC facilities
- SDSS curricula for LGA Stores
- SDSS curricula for PHC facilities

The Consultant also carried out selective monitoring of the FM system already established, although there is need for



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continuous monitoring for compliance as we move along in the implementation process.

The monitoring of facilities for compliance revealed some challenges that are being handled.

At the end of the mission, the technocrats were de-briefed on the SDSS implementation so far. It was not possible to de-brief the policy makers as they did not attend the de-briefing meeting as invited.

Key recommendations from all these missions are as follows:

- a. State program team to follow through with further advocacy with policy makers, technocrats and other stakeholders for acceptance of the proposed design especially harmonization of drug supply efforts and improved funding for all the health care levels, ministries and agencies.

- b. Stakeholders facilitated by the State PRRINN-MNCH team should carry out recommendations detailed in the amended Katsina State Implementation plan. These activities include among others: assessment of storage facilities at the selected facilities in the cluster including the LGA stores; deployment of appropriate staff to the facilities; re-constitution of facility management structures; and clarifying issues of autonomy as indicated in the guidelines.
- c. Harmonize drug supply and Management efforts: harmonization of all drug supply efforts in the state should be pursued in order to ensure adequate quality control, make benefit of economy of scale, increase coordination especially with the LGAs, and entrench systems and procedures to help guarantee sustainability.

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