

CONCEPT NOTE ON THE STAKEHOLDERS ANALYSIS TO BE CONDUCTED IN NURHI 6

SUPPORT STATES WITHIN NIGERIA

NURHI-Nigerian Urban Reproductive Health Initiative is a five year project awarded in September 2009 ,funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to reduce barriers to family planning/Child spacing use and increase the contraceptive prevalence rate in selected urban areas of Nigeria.

NURHI intends to harness the potential of Nigeria's dynamic urban environment to improve services and promote healthful lifestyles and reduce pressure on the urban health infrastructures in the country.

According to NURHI year I project work plan , there is need for a stakeholders analysis so as to identify and assess potential impact and then plan strategies related only to those specific stakeholders that warrant attention.

STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS

Stakeholder analysis is a process of systematically gathering and analyzing qualitative information to determine whose interests should be taken into account when developing and /or implementing a policy or program.

Who is a Stakeholder?

Stakeholders in a process are actors (persons or organizations) with a vested interest in the policy being promoted. These stakeholders, or "interested parties," can usually be grouped into the following categories: international/donors, national political (legislators, governors), public (ministry of health [MOH], social security agency, Individuals, labor, unions, medical associations, Medical providers both commercial and private Non -profit (nongovernmental organizations civil society, and users/consumers.

Why Is this Analysis Useful?

NURHI managers can use this stakeholder analysis to identify the key actors and to assess their knowledge, interests, positions, alliances, and importance related to its vision. This allows managers to increase support for this program. When this analysis is conducted *NURHI* managers can detect and act to prevent potential misunderstandings about and/or opposition to the policy or program.

The Policy for which this analysis is based

A Nigeria where barriers to family planning/Child spacing use are eliminated, particularly among the urban poor.

Identified Key Stakeholders for NURHI project

- Household Heads
- Women of Child bearing age between 15-50
- Community Leaders
- Public Sector
- Private Sector
- Private Health Provider including Pharmacies
- Public Health Provider
- Religious Leaders
- Media Practitioners
- NGO working on Reproductive Health and social services

General List of Stakeholders

The following table illustrates general information on priority stakeholders to be interviewed, with a justification for each group's inclusion in the analysis.

Sector	Sub-Sector	No to be interviewed	Reason chosen/relation to program
Public	Women	20	They are the primary beneficiary of the family Planning program
	Men	20	
	Community Leaders	5	They represent a very strong voice which has strong impact in decision in the community
	Health Centers	10	These are where the women go for deliveries and is a very good avenue to get across to them
	Private Hospitals	10	As described above
	Religious leaders	5	Their religious disposition and preaching towards Family planning program may impact greatly on the attitude of their members both negatively or positively
NGOs		5	Their effort has been very influential in determining the direction of Health programs generally.
Media	Print	2	They are going to be the voice to the program.
	Electronic	3	

METHODOLOGY

The method to be adopted for this analysis will be direct distribution of the questionnaires to the respondents for them to fill. Where/when the respondent is not literate enough to interpret the questions, the interviewer will translate to him/her and help in writing the respondents opinion to each question without being biased.

At least, three (3) interviewers will be chosen from each of the 6 states to carry out the exercise and it is expected to last for 3 days in each state for effective coverage. A monitor is expected to visit at least 3 of the six states to monitor the exercise.

At the end of the exercise, the opinion of the stakeholders will be measured and this will be used as tool for decision making.

Stakeholder Interview Questionnaire

Date:----/----/
City-----

ID No-----

Introduction

We are from Heath Reform Foundation of Nigeria (HERFON), we are conducting a study on behalf of Nigerian Urban Reproductive Health Initiative (NURHI) to explore the opinions of several important actors who are interested in removing the barriers to family planning/ Child spacing particular among the urban poor. As an important actor, it is crucial for us to obtain your opinion/ that of your organization.

We plan to conduct about 70-80 interviews to produce a general report on the opinions of the major stakeholders. The information obtained through these interviews will be for the direct use of the analysis team, and will be presented in a general report to NURHI without identifying individual opinions.

We would want you to help us respond to the following questions without bias.

Your Opinion

S/N	GENERAL QUESTIONS	
1.	How Many children have you	
2.	Do you intend to have more	
3.	Have you heard of family planning	
4.	What do you understand by family planning	
5.	What methods do you know	
6.	What is your cultural perspective about family planning	
7.	What is your religious perspective about family planning	
8.	Are there economic implication of family planning	
9.	Out of the following methods, which one do you prefer/ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combined Oral Contraceptives• Female sterilization• Vasectomy• Injectable contraceptives	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAM(Lactational Amenorrhea Method) • Diaphragm with spermicide • Condoms • Contraceptive implants • Fertility awareness Method • Copper -Bearing IUD (intrauterine device) • Progestin-only Oral contraceptives • Withdrawal method 	
14.	How would you encourage your relation about family planning	
15.	What is your general comment on family planning	
	State Ministry of Health	
16	What are the various step taken so far by the ministry to improve family planning	
17	Are there laws passed or yet to be passed that is for or against family planning	
18	What are the general things the government has done on family planning	
19	How is the government encouraging the Public Health practitioners towards effective delivery of family planning services	
20	What are the barriers to its effective implementation	
21	How would Government try to spread family planning information and also improve on its services to people?	
	Local Government Health Department	
22	What steps have been taken so far to encourage FP at the Local Government level	
23	How Committed is the LG to Family Planning	
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	RELIGIOUS LEADERS	
25	What is your religious denomination	
26	What do you understand about family planning	
27	Are there women cancelling groups in your denomination	

28	What are your dispositions to family planning	
29	How would you advised your congregation concerning family planning	
30	Are there any specific instructions according to your religion that is against family planning	
31	Tell us your general view about family planning	
MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS(PRIVATE, PUBLIC)		
32	What is the name of your Hospital	
33	Do you offer family planning services	
34	How often do people come for Family planning	
35	Are you mostly doing FP alone or you integrate it with other services	
36	Are clients really interested to hear about family planning	
37	Then what are the problems militating against its effectiveness	
38	What are your views about how family planning services could be greatly improved	
39	Your general opinion about the Family planning	
COMMUNITY LEADERS		
40	What is the name of your community	
41	Is there any law/custom that forbid men having than one man	
42	Have you heard about family planning	
43	If yes	
44	What are the community heads doing to improve it	

	Is there any community arrangement that is geared towards its general acceptance	
45	What are the avenue which the community gets to the House hold to encourage them of family planning	
46	What is your general view about family planning	
	NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ON R/HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	
47	What is the name of your organization	
48	Can you tell us some of your areas of interest	
49	Is there any activity or programme you know that is working in family planning in the state	
50	What areas have you been working to improve the acceptance of family planning	
51	Do you think the people are even interested in it	
52	Would you like to help collaborate in advocacy for its improvement	
53	What are your general view about family planning	
	MEDIA PRACTITIONERS	
54	What is your name	
55	Which media house do you work with	
56	What do you know about family planning	
57	Have your media organization ever try on way or the other to help the in the advocacy of FP	
58	What are the ways your organization could assist in the spread of this information	
59	What is your own personal general view of family planning	

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