

HERFON ABUJA	ACTIVITY REPORT	
<u>Submitted by:</u> ADELEYE ADEWALE	Date: 7 th June 2011	
<u>Title of Activity:</u> Meeting With Civil Society Coalitions working on the passage of Kaduna State Free MCH Bill		
<u>Inclusive Dates:</u> From:	To:	<u>Collaborators.</u> NURHI,HERFON and the CSOs
<u>Purpose / Objective of Activity :</u> To discuss possible area of Support towards the passage of the bill.		
<u>Brief Summary :</u> <p>The meeting took place in HERFON 's office Kaduna with all the members of CSOs present. It was called at the instance of NURHI/HERFON collaboration in order to achieve one of the program objectives of the passage of Bill on free MCH in the state. This bill if passed will provide the legal framework from development of regulations, guidelines and tool for the implementation of MSP and Free MNCH in Kaduna.. Expected outcome and impact are improved systm strengthening and reduction in child and maternal deaths.</p> <p>Evidence shows that the coalition has been working towards the passage of the bill and hence the decision to engage the Coalition to advocate for the inclusion of CHILD BIRTH SPACING components in the bill. NURHI/HERFON also explored other possible areas in reproductive health in Kaduna State that could be supported.</p> <p>After a long deliberation on the bill and issue of maternal and child Health in Kaduna state , it was agreed that steps had to be taken to reverse the deplorable MCH indices in the state.</p> <p>The following resolutions were taken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HERFON will support their monthly meeting from HERFON/NURHI purse to the tune of N10,000 with the prompt submission of retirement and meeting reports • The CSOs capacity should be built in Advocacy skills • There should be strong engagement with the House of Assembly, hence the CSOs capacity should also be built in legislative advocacy 		

- HERFON should assist in planning for community dialogue to educate the women on maternal death and evils of child dumping which is on the rise in the state presently
- Ramatu Buda , SAVI representative shall send the draft copy of the bill to HERFON and NURHI for review and updating if necessary

Recommendation(s) / Action(s) to be taken :

- HERFON should look into her work plan and see possible areas of trainings for the CSO. It is believed that the support would contribute to our milestone in the area of support to state to develop health policy

Distribution

Key persons met:

- 1.Aisha Ibrahim- SHED/MCH-CS
 - 2.Ramatu Buda Aliyu- SAVI Kaduna
 - 3.Kabir Abdullahi- STL KD NURHI
 - 4.Ubali Abdullahi- ZPO Herfon
 - 5.Hauwa Saulawu- Advocacy Nig
 - 6.Benjamin Maigari- RHAN
- Sadiya Sulaiman- WDO