



Demonstrating system strengthening and sustainability through innovative proven to work approaches in Family Planning program in Nigeria.

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Majority of the family planning programs in Nigeria have been characterized as “partner –led” aimed at achieving predetermined results and milestones

One of the reasons for partner led implementation is the belief that Government officials lack basic skills and minimum capacity to lead the implementation

Concerned about system strengthening and sustainability, The challenge Initiative (TCI) takes the bold step to bring a paradigm shift from the partner led program to implementation led by the supporting states and governments.

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Government



Governments are allowed to take the front-seat, own and lead the implementation of FP programs

TCI technically supports through coaching, mentoring, and capacity building among others.



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OBJECTIVES



To share one of the emerging approaches adopted to foster sustainability and system strengthening in FP programs in Nigeria using the PIA experience



To demonstrate the feasibility of government officials implementing activity requiring technical skills (the PIA) with minimal support from the partner.

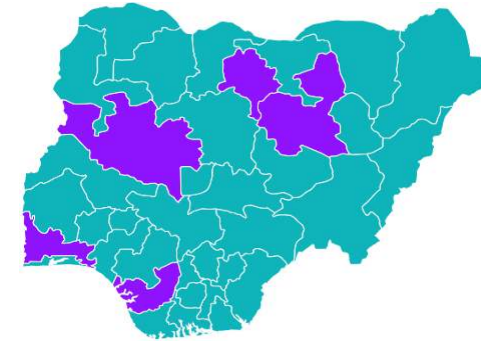


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- ❖ Performance Improvement Assessment (PIA) is one key activity in which TCI supported the states to take lead in implementation.
- ❖ PIA is aimed at assessing the status (human resources, infrastructure, equipment, IEC, etc) materials of health facilities to implement evidence-based facility improvement and upgrade.



Methods



The PIA was conducted in Delta, Ogun, Niger, Kano and Bauchi States between October and December, 2017



How?

PIA Process



The PIA accesses the following components:

- Status of Infrastructure
- HR Capacity
- Commodity Availability
- Data Tools
- Equipment

PIA Field work



LGA M&E officers and Reproductive Health Coordinators are trained to lead the entire process of data collection and clinical assessment.

PIP Development



Findings from the data are used to develop a plan and they disseminate the findings to stakeholders



Results

✓ The LGA team demonstrated competence in being able to conduct state level assessment.

✓ With minimal guidance from TCI, the LGA team analyzed the data gathered from the facilities and disseminated the results to the stakeholders.

The policy makers and technocrats took ownership of the results and has started using the findings to improve the status of the facilities.



Conclusion

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- ❖ Unlike widely believed by partners, government officials can demonstrate competence if given the opportunity. This has been demonstrated by the PIA experience.
- ❖ Donors and implementing partners should allow government officials and/or the existing government structure to take the lead in implementation while being technically supported by the implementing partners.



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