

Strategic Engagement of Healthcare Professional Bodies in Nigeria to bridge Human Resources Gaps in Family Planning: A case study of NURHI 2 collaboration with Community Health Practitioners Board of Nigeria

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BACKGROUND

Nigeria has committed to an ambitious goal of increasing modern contraceptives prevalence rate (mCPR) to 27% by 2020. Operationalizing the National Task Shifting Task Sharing (TSTS) policy is a viable strategy to addressing one of the key supply-side barriers to achieving this goal.

The Nigerian Reproductive Health Initiative 2 (NURHI 2) in its resolve to support the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), collaborated with the Community Health Practitioners Registration Board (CHPRBN) to support a policy implementation strategy aimed at integrating family planning into the board's in-service professional programme.

OBJECTIVE

To develop a curriculum on family planning to meet the requirements for the Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD) programme of CHPRBN.

METHODOLOGY

Intensive secondary information gathering was conducted and a draft document was produced. This was followed by a 5-day workshop where representatives of the CHPRBN, FMOH, CHEW trainers from Association of Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH), The Challenge Initiative (TCI) and NURHI 2 worked in groups to develop modules for the curriculum.



RESULT

Three documents (Curriculum, Practitioner's Manual and Trainer's Manual) were developed, validated and adopted by CHPRBN and relevant stakeholders. Among the outcomes of the successful collaboration was the positive review by the Registrar in his forward for the documents, stating that:

“CHPRBN adopt these documents as veritable tools for the training and retraining of CHEWs/CHOs and recommends (it) for use by Schools of Health Technology, Government and Non-Government Organizations/Implementing Partners who wish to support the board in her MCPD Programmes”



PROGRAM IMPLICATION/CONCLUSION

The collaboration with CHPRBN will help expand access to FP services while improving the skill of CHPs to deliver quality FP services.