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**ONE-DAY SENSITIZATION AND DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP
OF THE NIGERIA STANDARD TREATMENT GUIDELINES (NSTG)
AND NIGERIA ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST (NEML) TO THE TOP
MANAGEMENT OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
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1.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTIVITY

The objectives of the sensitization and dissemination meeting are:

- To sensitize the Directors and Heads of Departments of FMOH on the utilization of the NEML and NSTG;
- To obtain the support of the Directors for the adoption and implementation of the treatment guidelines.

2.0 KEY PARTICIPANTS

The meeting was attended by representatives of the following organizations:

- The Honourable Minister of Health;
- Honourable Minister of State for Health;
- The Permanent Secretary FMOH;
- The Chairman NDF/EDL Review Committee;
- Directors and Heads of Department of FMOH;
- Heads and Representatives of Agencies;
- Media crew and
- PSN-PAS team.

3.0 OVERVIEW OF THE MEETING

The sensitization and dissemination meeting held on Monday 20th of January, 2020 at the Conference Hall 6th Floor, FMOH Secretariat, Abuja, Nigeria. A total of sixty-one participants (61) were in attendance with twenty-five (25) females and thirty-six (36) males. The meeting started at 1.15 pm with the recitation of the 1st stanza of the Nigerian National anthem. This was followed by the self-introduction of participants moderated by Mrs. Enefaa A. Bob -Manuel (DD Press). The Director, Food and Drugs Services of the FMOH, Pharm. Mashood Lawal gave the opening remarks, welcomed the Honourable Ministers, the Permanent Secretary and participants while he thanked PSN-PAS for its support.

Prof. John Ohaju-Obodo, Chairman NDF/EDL Review Committee stated that the content of the EML will provide safe medication, affordable drugs and also help reduce wastage of providing too many drugs for the cure of a particular disease that seem to appear in the system. He also expressed his pleasure over the level of increase in the compliance by health professionals since the dissemination process of the policy documents. He further mentioned that practitioners have keyed into utilizing the contents of the EML since its development. He said that the top management is the driver of the health sector and the best way to improve the utilization of the policy documents is through them. He appreciated the Ministers and Permanent Secretary for making the meeting possible and thanked PSN-PAS for the support since the inception of the policy documents till present. Pharm Munir Elelu, PSN-PAS Program Director, appreciated the

minister for the opportunity granted PSN-PAS to sponsor the event and pointed that the organization's concern is ensuring the health indices of the country changes for the better. He also pledged support to assist the FMOH in achieving its goal of improving health indices for the sake of humanity and citizens of the country. The Program Director pointed out that advocacy is a continuous process and not a one-off thing and that more advocacy needs to be done at the State level where implementation is key. Dr. S.A Salawudeen of the NHIS delivered a good will message and made an observation that the NHIS was not included in the review of the policy documents. He further mentioned that the Scheme is in the process of reviewing its essential drug list with all stakeholders involved. He added that the review process is at stage of imputing the selected drugs in a draft to be presented to the Honourable Minister for approval.

Following the goodwill messages, the welcome address was delivered by the Honourable Minister of Health, Dr. Osagie Ehanire where he expressed his delight in welcoming everyone to the dissemination workshop of the policy documents to top management of the FMOH and agencies. The Honourable Minister said that the documents were developed in accordance with WHO statement "that all member states should review their essential medicines list to align with global best practices and also with the disease occurrence and prevalence in each country". He stated that the FMOH has published 6 editions of the EML since 1985 when the first edition was released and the document contains medicines considered to be most effective and safe, available, affordable and accessible to meet the health care needs of the majority of the population. He mentioned that "these are therefore key policy documents made available to the national health system whose purpose is to ensure access to high quality medicines for proper patient care in our everyday system". The Honourable Minister concluded by appreciating the work done by the NDF/EDL Review Committee headed by Prof. John Ohaju-Obodo and development partners who supported particularly the process leading to the review and publications of the policy documents.

Pharm. (Mrs) Ijeoma Nwankwo, Program Officer of the PSN-PAS gave a presentation on the Overview of the PSN-PAS project. She highlighted the meaning of PSN-PAS (Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria-Partnership for Advocacy in Child and Family Health@Scale), the history of the project, its thematic areas, its strategies etc. from 2014 to present. She highlighted the rationale for the thematic area of pneumonia and diarrhoea as the childhood killer disease by the donors and the advocacy for the inclusion of the non-clinical private sector (CPs & PPMVs) in providing certain Family Planning services and commodities.

The overview of the workshop's objectives was presented by Pharm. Damian N. Agbo, a senior pharmacist of the Food and Drug Services Department of the FMOH. He stated

that the objectives of the policy were to provide rational use of medicines; to sensitize all relevant stakeholders; to ensure the successful implementation of the policy documents and determine a way forward for successful implementation of the documents. He gave the history behind the establishment of the Essential drug program that birthed the development of the policy documents and also mentioned the advantages of the documents. The senior pharmacist mentioned that deliberations from various partners, safety profile of medicines, cost, availability and quality of medicines were debated on before the choice of medicines is made, with medicines from the NSTG enlisted in the NEML. He made it worthy of note that the clinicians selected in the development of the guidelines are made to fill the conflict of interest form to exclude all forms of bias.

In the second half of the presentation, Pharm. Yakubu Bulama, Assistant Director Food & Drugs Services Department defined Essential Medicines as those “medicines that satisfy the basic healthcare needs of the majority of the population and therefore should be available at all times in adequate amount and adequate dosage forms and at all level of care”. He mentioned the advantages and the components of the EML which comprises the Core list and the Complementary list and stated the criteria for the selection of the medicines. The Assistant Director informed the audience that the 6th edition as of the EML is the most recent edition although the 7th edition is in the pipeline. He made it worthy of note that the NDF/EDL Review Committee has developed the NEML for children which is the first of its kind in the history of the country of which the draft is with the Honourable Minister of Health. Paucity of funds to mobilize the NDF/EDL Review Committee members, securing expert clinicians from their duty posts and implementation of policy documents were some of the challenges he highlighted with regards to the development and utilization of the policy documents. Pharm. Yakubu Bulama gave the following points below as the way forward with regards to the policy documents:

- Development of clear guidelines (standing orders);
- Adequate assessment of patients as clinical circumstances will allow. Note limitations (severe pneumonia and severe dehydration);
- Appropriate use of medicines (antibiotics) in line with diagnosis and dosage regimen;
- Preparedness for potential Adverse effects (Pharmacovigilance);
- Referral System;
- Appropriate supervision;
- Appropriate monitoring and evaluation.

He also thanked all the development partners for support through the development and review of the policy documents.



PIX.1: CROSS-SECTION OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE MEETING



PIX.2: PHARM. IJEOMA NWANKWO PRESENTING AN OVERVIEW OF THE PSN-PAS PROJECT



PIX.3: PHARM. DAMIAN AGBO PRESENTING AN OVERVIEW OF THE NSTG & NEML



PIX.4: THE HONOURABLE MINISTER, MINISTER OF STATE & PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE FMOH

The Honourable Minister of State for Health, Senator (Dr.) Olorunimbe Mamora thanked the PSN-PAS for organizing the workshop and stated that a meeting like this was a way of refreshing his memory especially with the standard treatment guideline. He said that even though the document looks voluminous he believes the document will be useful to many doctors in practice and will serve as reference book to them. He raised the concern over the use of some medicines such as paracetamol and aspirin as condiments in cooking and mentioned that all hands should be on deck to nip this aberration in the bud before we start having the consequences in our hands as health care professionals. The Minister of State for Health gave his assurance that the policy documents awaiting approval by the Minister will be attended to as soon as possible.

Moving on to the way forward on implementation of the policy documents, Dr. S A Salawudeen of NHIS stated that the two documents are important to the NHIS but was surprised that a representative from the Scheme was not included in the Review Committee. Dr. Oteri Okolo pointed out that having gone through the documents she noticed that drugs for eye health were not as robust as she would have expected, including those that address priority for disease control and those for tropical diseases to reduce the burden of blindness. Pharm. Zainab .U. Shariff mentioned that it is important for all the departments in the Ministry and tertiary institutions at both National and State levels to have these policy documents which will support implementation. She said as an opportunity to generate revenue the documents can be sold at a minimal cost, with a dedicated account opened for payments; these funds can be used in the printing and distribution of the documents and servicing the Review Committee. In furthering her position, she expressed concerns as to why the NHIS should have its policy document; but suggested that the Scheme implement and adopt the national policy documents already in existence. She further stated that these documents be used as a basis for all other policy documents especially in programmes. The Honourable Minister of State Health went on to ask who should determine the minimal cost of the policy documents to which she responded that the Review Committee should decide that.

Additionally, Chibuzo Eneh of NCDC commented that the list of drugs for infectious diseases such as Lassa fever ravaging the country was not as robust as she expected. She also suggested inviting NCDC during the review of the policy documents. She also noted that there was no information on emerging diseases like monkey pox in the list and stated that England is coming up with a recommendation of using same treatment as small pox. Similarly, Alhassan Shuaibu of NTBLCP advised the implementation of the documents be enacted in the law most especially since the Act that establishes the documents does not compel anyone to use the documents. He therefore recommended a review of the law to include enforcing its utilization. Pharm Beauty Okologo who spoke on behalf of NMEP National Coordinator, who was unavoidably absent, said that on arrival at her new place of assignment in the programme, she realised that there are some drugs being used in the programme which are not in the NEML. She then advised that all programmes should stick to the drugs in the NEML and pointed out that before the 7th edition is printed some of the drugs mentioned will be included. Finally, Emmanuel Udonre of Planning, Research & Statistics commented that the Review Committee look at the possibility of making a soft copy of these documents available and if possible, develop an app to increase its implementation and use.

In response to the points raised by the participants, the chairman of NDF/EDL Review Committee Prof. John Ohaju-Obodo was impressed with the interactions so far. He

replied that the documents are in soft copy already and can be downloaded from the FMOH website. On the issue of the invite to the NHIS, he responded that invitations were sent out during the review process to various agencies including the NHIS with series of reminders but there were no representations from these agencies. He also mentioned the criteria the committee uses before enlisting certain drugs in the NEML which should be justifiable based on evidence and some of the drugs not included as mentioned by some of the participants have not fulfilled the set criteria to be enlisted in the NEML. He added that if the set criteria are fulfilled and the committee convinced as in the case of 2016 where drugs for malnourished children and treating childhood killer diseases came up, an addendum will be created for the policy documents to include the drugs. The Chairman pointed that the decision to attach a fee to the policy documents will come via the authorization from the FMOH. He promised that all deficiencies will be addressed in the 7th edition and where possible an addendum will be developed and if not, a letter should be addressed to the Honourable Minister for the procurement of the said drugs. The Honourable Minister of State mentioned that what has been done is and that where some drugs were not included, for very good reasons based on the definition of Essential drugs, means that the drugs do not satisfy the needed criteria and that there will also be other opportunities to include them during review of the documents. The Permanent Secretary gave his closing remark by saying that the documents will ensure quality healthcare at the health facilities and the meeting is coming at a time when the Ministry is committed to ensuring universal health care for the country. He thanked everyone present for their efforts and support and to ensure the documents when launched are properly disseminated and used at all levels.

The meeting came to a close at about 3:30pm following the Permanent Secretary's remark.

4.0 MEETING EVALUATION RESULT

The questions in the pre and post evaluation tool assessed the participants' knowledge of the policy documents (NSTG & NEML) and their knowledge about the PSN-PAS project. Questions 1 to 4 represented as Q1 to Q4 were used to assess the participants' knowledge of the policy documents, while Questions 5 & 6 shown as Q5 & Q6 evaluated the participants' knowledge of the PSN-PAS project in both tools. There was an increase in the participants' knowledge after the presentations of both the policy documents and knowledge about PSN-PAS project as shown by the charts and with the following percentage of correct responses by the participants in the pre and post evaluation exercise expressed in tabular form below.

Questions	Pre-evaluation (%)	Post-evaluation (%)
1	50.0	75
2	97.5	100
3	47.5	65.0
4	52.5	97.5
5	72.5	92.5
6	75.0	97.5

Table 1: Comparison of number of participants with correct response in the pre and post evaluation exercise

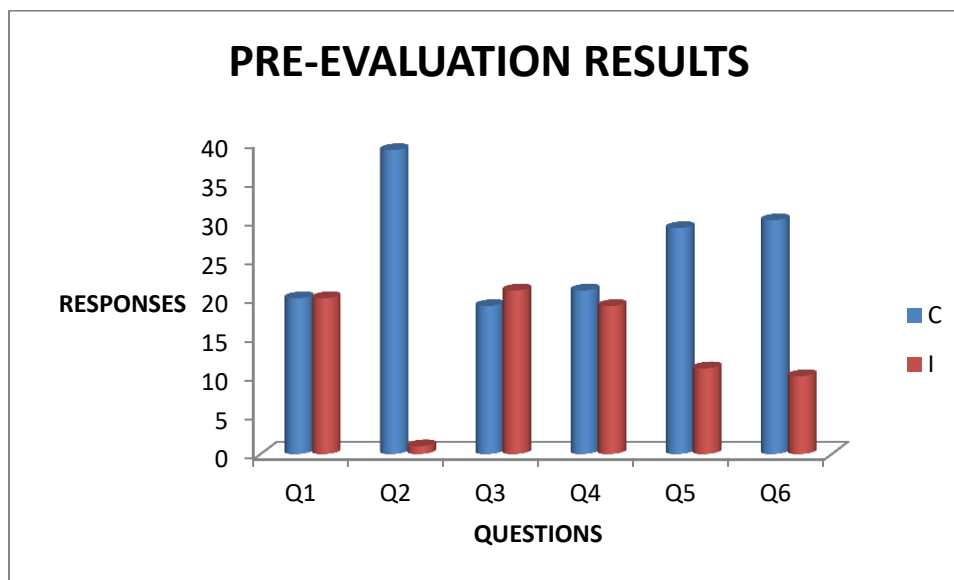


Figure 1: Pre-evaluation result chart

Where C= correct response; I= incorrect response

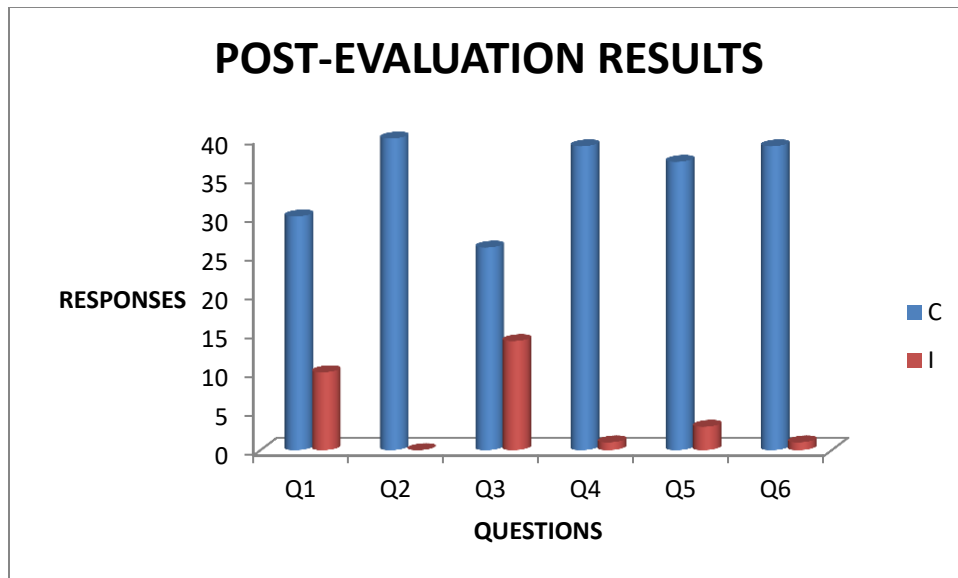


Figure 2: Post-evaluation result chart

Where C= correct response; I= incorrect response

There was a 45% increase in knowledge of the participants awareness of the new edition of the NEML under review after the dissemination workshop. There was also an average of 21% increase in knowledge of participants about the PSN-PAS project and there was an average of 23% increase in participants knowledge of the policy documents after the workshop.

Some of the participants gave the following suggestions:

- ❖ The policy documents should be made into softcopy/mobile apps for easy use;
- ❖ Wider spread and uniformity of documents are required;
- ❖ Inclusion in the implementation of the two documents;
- ❖ Inclusion of more agencies in production of final copies of documents eg. NCDC
- ❖ Cost attachment to documents & monitoring of the user agencies of the document;
- ❖ Public private partnership arrangement to sell the document to fund the Review Committee;
- ❖ To set up M & E unit in various agencies to liase with F&DS of FMOH to ensure proper implementation;
- ❖ Documents should be widely distributed and monitored for use;
- ❖ There should be increased advocacy to other government agencies to encourage use;
- ❖ Increased awareness to health care providers to rural areas on availabilty and use of documents;
- ❖ Engagement of more stakeholders for better inclusiveness;

- ❖ Availability of documents at all healthcare facility, conferences and trainings to increase awareness and use;
- ❖ The dissemination should get to the community facilities; and
- ❖ Review of documents to include emerging diseases.

5.0 OUTCOMES OF THE ACTIVITY

- The Directors and Heads of departments of FMOH were sensitized on the utilization of the NEML and NSTG documents;
- Support of the directors was obtained for the adoption and implementation of the policy documents;
- The 6th edition of NEML and 2nd edition of NSTG documents were disseminated to all the participants by the Food And Drug Services department of FMOH; and
- There was increased visibility for the PSN-PAS project.

6.0 NEXT STEPS

- To support FMOH in the printing and launching of the 7th edition of the NEML and the 1st edition of the NEMLc;
- To follow up on the adoption and implementation of the policy documents and its use at the both the National and State level.

7.0 MEDIA REPORTS

S/N	NAME OF MEDIA	TITLE OF REPORT	LINK TO THE REPORT	DATE PUBLISHED
1.	Leading Reporters	PSN-PAS backs FG on implementation of National Treatment Guidelines	https://www.leadingreporters.com/health/psn-pas-backs-fg-on-implementation-of-national-treatment-guidelines/	Monday 20 th January, 2020
2.	Daily Trust Newspaper	List of “essential medicines” edges toward national use	https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/list-of-essential-medicines-edges-toward-national-use.html	Wednesday 22 nd January, 2020
3.	Leadership Newspapers	FG Harps on implementation Of National Health Policy As Guidelines For Prescription, Dispensation	https://leadership.ng/2020/01/23/fg-harps-on-implementation-of-national-health-policy-as-guidelines-for-prescription-dispensation/	Thursday 23 rd January, 2020
4.	Nigeria Health Watch	Implement National Health Policy documents as	Top Ten News Items on Health Newsletter	Friday 24 th January,

	guidelines, FG tells stakeholders	2020
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8.0 CHALLENGES

The PSN-PAS team encountered the following challenges prior to convening the workshop;




- Late disbursement of funds to the team made planning for the workshop tedious;
- Drastic reduction in funds budgeted for the activity by coordinating body lead to sudden change in arrangements initially made for the meetings. As a result, the venue had to be changed at a very short notice and important stakeholders relevant to the workshop residing outside Abuja could not be invited due to reduced fund;
- Small venue space used for the meeting, led to a reduction in the number of participants, as lot of them could not find space to sit and had to go back when the hall was full. This made movement inside also cumbersome and clumsy.

9.0 ANNEX

9.1 ATTENDANCE REGISTER









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





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

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




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




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





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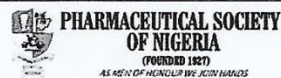
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The objectives of the sensitization and dissemination meeting are:

1. To sensitize the Directors & Heads of Departments of FMOH on the utilization of the NEML and NSTG;
2. To obtain the support of the Directors for the adoption and implementation of the policy documents.

ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
National Anthem	ALL
Opening Remarks	Director, Food & Drugs Services Department
Remarks By the Chairman- NDF/EDL Review Committee	Prof. John Obodo Ohaju
Goodwill Messages from the Sponsor of the Workshop & other CEOs	PSN-PAS & NHIS.
Welcome Address	HMH
Overview of the PSN-PAS project	PSN-PAS
Workshop Objectives	AD, F&DS
Overview of the NSTG & NEML	AD (PS)-FDS
Way Forward on The Implementation of NSTG/NEML	ALL
Closing Remarks by the PSH	PSH
LUNCH	ALL



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9.3 PRE AND POST EVALUATION TOOLS

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PRE-EVALUATION TOOL

Please read carefully before attempting the questions below. Please ensure to choose the most accurate and suitable answer ONLY to the best of your ability. Please tick [V] the correct answer. Thank you.

QUESTIONS

1. NEML has two main components. What are they?
 - (a) Core list((minimum for basic health system) & Complementary list(covers priority diseases)
 - (b) Core list(minimum for basic health system) & supplementary list (for additional medicines)
2. The NEML and NSTG documents are used as a guideline for drug selection and prescription of medicines by the health sector in the country so as to improve access to and availability of essential medicines and quality health care.
 - (a) True
 - (b) False
3. NSTG is a diagnostic criteria for starting treatment or choosing amongst treatment and its information on drugs is usually limited to strength, dosage and duration.
 - (a) True
 - (b) False
4. Are you aware that the 7th edition of the NEML and the 1st edition of the NEMLC are undergoing review?
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) No
5. The PSN-PACFaH@Scale is?
 - (a) A sub grantee of USAID and focus on supply chain management
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Did you take part in the pre-evaluation exercise? Yes [] No []

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7. Do you have any suggestion(s) on better utilization of the policy documents (NSTG & NEML) by the various agencies?

9.4 THE PACFaH@SCALE (PAS) PROJECT

The Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN) is one of the primary members/CSOs implementing the Partnership for Advocacy in Child and Family at Scale, PACFaH@Scale (PAS) project. PSN is advocating for the expansion of the contraceptive mix (family planning) services delivered by Community Pharmacists (CPs) and Patent & Proprietary Medicines Vendors (PPMVs) in Nigeria through revision of the task shifting & task sharing policy, obtaining approvals and securing relevant enabling policy environment for the pilot CPs & PPMVs project in Kaduna and Lagos States. The PSN-PAS project is also focused on reducing the under-5 mortality rate and improving health outcomes for Childhood Pneumonia and Diarrhoea in Nigeria (with the use of Amoxicillin dispersible tablet and Zinc/LO-ORS co-pack as first-line treatment respectively).

The PAS project is a social accountability project which aims to strengthen the capacity of Nigerian Civil Society Organizations, (CSOs) at national and State levels to hold decision-makers (in the executive and legislature) to account on: health policies/laws; financial commitments; and to bring down regulatory barriers. The PAS project is implemented by the development Research and Project Center, (dRPC), an indigenous, non-political intermediary non-profit with a mission of capacity building of indigenous CSOs in Nigeria.

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