PAS CONvenes ONE VOICE Advocacy with CSOs in Commemoration of World Contraception Day

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Background

PAS successfully convened a one voice advocacy meeting with CSOs in commemoration of world contraception day. PAS has been curating the “Voices of Family Planning (FP) champions in Nigeria” as a response to advocacy issues of FP financing and government’s commitment to FP for Nigerians. During this year’s world contraception day, PAS launched the Voices of Family Planning platforms. Given the benefits it provides, curation has become an integral part of a great content marketing strategy, hence the decision to curate voices and promote it as a tool for advocacy on FP in Nigeria. PAS alongside other partners also drafted a one voice advocacy message to the government of Nigeria to call for fulfillment of commitments for FP.

In attendance were BMGF partners, other civil society partners, government and media. A total of 46 participants were present; disaggregated to twenty (20) females and twenty-six (26) males participated in the press briefing to mark the world contraception day.

The objective of the one-voice advocacy meeting to commemorate WCD was to emphasize the importance of CSOs partnership in speaking with one voice.
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“We will continue to promote importance of public private partnerships as a key to improving funding family planning funding as well as improving family planning indices in the country as it the responsibility and duties of government to budget adequate funds for family planning”

Professor Emmanuel A. Luradeju
Rotary International

“The objective of the RMNCAH+N platform is to harmonize resources together to improve health indices. FMOH is currently strengthening relationships with CSO’S to help advocate for improving family planning financing in the country. As more than twenty states have set up their interfaith champions and advocate that are advocating for improve resources mobilization for family planning at the sub national level. Presently FMOH is working hard to reactivate the interfaith champions and advocate at the national level to lend their voices for improve family planning financing at national level”

L.K Bako Aiyegbusi
Director of Health Promotion, Federal Ministry of Health
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“Save our young women and children from dying. Mother lives, Child survives”
Sanni Rafiah. I
National President, Federation of Muslim Women’s Association of Nigeria,
FOMWAN-PACFaH@Scale

“I count it a privilege to be part of the CSO’s advocacy coalition speaking with one voice to improve family planning financing in Nigeria. Our organization will support the efforts until it becomes a social norm in the country.”
Charity Ibeaeuchi
JHUCCP/SUPPORT initiative
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“We will continue to support dRPC-PACFAH@Scale to routinely host the CSO’S coalition advocacy platform advocating for improve family planning financing as the objective of the platform is in line with our organization mandate.”

Dr Amina Aminu Dorayi
Country Director, Pathfinder

“The issue of family planning is one that require each and every one interest on and premium times centre for investigative journalism (PTCIJ) is open to collaboration and partnership that will amplify and bring about increased resources mobilization for family planning in Nigeria”

Mboho Eno
Premium Times Centre for Investigative Journalism, ptcij
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“One of the lessons learned from the just rounded off FP2020 of which my humble self was the CSO focal person was that the commitment made was a top-bottom approach. This explains why the subnational lagged behind in the implementation. This time around the CSOs ensured that this 2030 recommitment process took a bottom-top approach working very closely collaboratively with the FMOH, thanks to the leadership of Dr Afolabi and Dr Salma Anas Kolo.”

Dr Ejike Oji
Chairman, Management Committee, Association for the Advancement of Family Planning (AAFP-PACFaH@Scale) & FP2030 CSO Focal Person In Nigeria

“The governor forum platform is one of the strategic and viable option for advocating for improving family planning financing in Nigeria. As family planning is a demand development issue whether in education or other sectors.”

Professor Okey Akpala
Development Outcomes
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“Financing family planning is funding the lives of the electorate & child spacing increases lives of women to participate in elections and campaigns”

Major General (Rtd) Dr Ogunbiyi mni
Project Director, Alumni Association of The National Institute, AANI-PACFaH@Scale
Keynote presentation
The event features three keynote presentations from three resource persons.

The first was on reflections on CSO advocacy for the prioritization and funding for FP in Nigeria – explaining government’s response by Dr Ejike Oji Chairman, Management Committee, AAFP & FP2030 CSO Focal Person in Nigeria. The objective of the presentation was to highlights CSOs advocacy effort in improving family planning indices in Nigeria. He noted that the advocacy intervention focused on increased fulfillment of existing FP-related policies and financial commitments by the Government of Nigeria at the national and sub national level.

The second was on presentation and launch of the community of advocates and champions - Facebook page by Mallam Hassan Karofi, Director - Communications & External Partnership - dRPC-PACFaH@Scale. The aim of Facebook page launch is to enables search and identify meaningful content that is generated by voices promoting FP financing in Nigeria.

The third was on Framing the Nigeria FP Advocates & Champions One Voice Message to advocacy targets to commemorate WCD 2021 Moderator by Chief Mrs Moji Makanjuola. The objective was to develop a one voice message to advocacy targets that is more effective and powerful.
The collaboration and partnership meeting ended with a press briefing to commemorate the world contraception day, with CSOs speaking with one voice more coordinated, more effective, louder and clearer to duty bearers. The One Voice Message to advocacy targets to commemorate WCD 2021 was read by Dr Ejike Oji Chairman, Management Committee, AAFP & FP2030 CSO Focal Person in Nigeria.

Outcomes
A press briefing to commemorate the world contraception day, with CSOs speaking with one voice more coordinated, more effective, louder and clearer to duty bearers.

Next steps
One Voice advocacy CSOs will conduct advocacy visit to targeted duty bearer on FP financing at both National and Sub-National level
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MEDIA LINKS

- AIT - Family Planning-KNSG provide free reproductive maternal & child health services to control child spacing
- Daily Trust - World Contraception Day: CSOs Decry Poor Funding, Neglect Of Family Planning In Nigeria
- Blueprint - WCD – CSOs call for adequate funding, prioritization of family planning in Nigeria
- AIT - WCD CSOs engage govt on funding of FP