



# The dRPC's support for Nigeria's policy processes for the achievement of Universal Health Coverage



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## Introduction

In recent years, achieving universal health coverage (UHC) has been a critical priority for Nigeria. The development Research and Projects Center (dRPC) has been working tirelessly to support the policy process and implementation for achieving UHC at the national level. Through collaboration with the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS), and other civil society stakeholders in the [PACFAH](#) and [PACFAH@Scale](#) project, the dRPC has played a pivotal role in advancing the agenda for UHC in Nigeria. In this success story catalogue, we highlight a chronicle of how the dRPC's efforts have contributed to the advancement of UHC in Nigeria and the impact of their work on Nigeria's health sector.

## Year 2017

### 1. Legislative Advocacy for the Appropriation of the 1% Consolidated Revenue Fund from the National Health Act

Nigeria enacted the National Health Act in 2014. However, the implementation of the provisions within stalled. The dRPC's legislative advocacy, in collaboration with the National Assembly and the then National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS), was critical in catalyzing the process of appropriating the 1% consolidated revenue fund (CRF) in the National Health Act as a provision for the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) for UHC in the national budget.

The dRPC, working through the NILS, supported the legislative health agenda through the annual legislative retreats with members of the National Assembly's health and appropriations committee. These retreats provide an avenue for legislators to get technical input on health. Over the last decade, the dRPC has supported six annual legislative retreats. It now works with the legislative civil society network to ensure their continuity.

To catalyze action on the NHA, the dRPC, working through the NILS, supported members of the 8<sup>th</sup> National Assembly's Health Committee and Appropriations, led by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Senator Olanrewaju Tejuoso, in conducting a peer-to-peer study tour to



*Senator Olanrewaju Tejuoso and Members of the 8<sup>th</sup> National Assembly at the South African Parliament meeting with the South African Health Committee 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017*

the South African Parliament to observe their counterpart Health Committee's approach to funding health in March 2017<sup>1</sup>. At that peer-to-peer meeting, issues around the health budget and the approach to using legislation and appropriation to achieve UHC were discussed.

Following this study tour visit, the Senate Committee on Health aimed to increase public financing for health in line with the Abuja Declaration, implement the National Health Act, and ensure the 1% CRF in the National Health Act as a provision for the BHCPF for UHC.

Through the leadership of the Senate Chairman on Health, the 8<sup>th</sup> National Assembly ensured the BHCPF was appropriated for the first time in the 2018 national budget since 2014, when the NHA was enacted.

In 2018, the provision for the BHCPF in the NHA was first budgeted for, the sum of N55.15 billion from the total budget of N9,120,334,988,225 was allocated.

Since then, the 1% CRF for BHCPF has been ringfenced as a statutory allocation in the national budget. In that time, the dRPC has tracked and developed seven annual analysis tracking the BHCPF.

## Year 2019

### 1. Support for Policy Recommendations on UHC—The NIPSS Senior Executive Course 41, 2019

The presidency tasked NIPSS with finding solutions to funding universal healthcare delivery in Nigeria. Specifically, they were to mobilize and expand knowledge on sustainable and effective universal healthcare in Nigeria to catalyze policy change at the highest levels. NIPSS is Nigeria's apex think tank, the only body undertaking a year's worth of research each year before making policy recommendations to the presidency on enduring issues of importance in Nigeria.



*NIPSS Directing Staff at the AHAIC 2019 Conference and the dRPC Nigeria session at the AHAIC 2019 Conference*

dRPC partnered to support NIPSS, whose focus of the year's executive course was health, by exposing its strategic executives to key learnings from international counterparts in the AHAIC

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozxV-4LFBtU>

2019. The conference had attendees, including 1,500+ delegates and 60 partners from 47 countries. The dRPC also hosted a side session focused on Nigeria-themed Unlocking the Potential Universal Health Coverage as a domestic resource base to meet Nigeria's child and family health funding gaps. This session was organized to expose the NIPSS delegates to the Nigerian UHC technical experts. Attendance was at capacity with 40 participants. The panelists included Senator Olanrewaju Tejuoso, who was the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health of the National Assembly, Dr. Muhammed Dogo-Muhammad Waziri, formerly of Nigeria Health Insurance Scheme, Dr. Enyantu Ifenne, formerly of Nigeria Health Insurance Scheme, and Dr. Nneka Orji-Achugo of the Department of Research and Statistics of the Federal Ministry of Health and the UHC Roundtable desk officer<sup>2</sup>.

Following the successful conference engagement, the dRPC supported NIPSS in structuring the SEC 41 course curriculum to address contemporary UHC financing issues. This included surmounting the bureaucracies to open up the space to civil society perspectives from experts in the field and integrating presentations and dialogues. The dRPC also supported the SEC 41 program with six resource persons from the civil society space to engage with the senior



**NIPSS SEC 41 at the Office of the Secretary to the Lagos State Government 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

executives of the course.

As part of the learning experience, the SEC41 was supported to conduct a state study tour in Niger<sup>3</sup>, Lagos<sup>4</sup>, and Taraba<sup>5</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019) with three technical experts present to provide

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/317784-ahaic2019-live-updates-nigerian-delegation-holds-session-to-bridge-child-family-health-funding-gaps.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.africannewspage.net/2019/05/promoted-nipss-pas-study-tour-a-birds-eye-view-of-nigers-revitalization-of-phc-system-for-universal-healthcare-coverage/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/ssouth-west/330171-phc4uhc-how-technology-will-drive-health-insurance-in-lagos-commissioner.html>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/health/health-interviews/328721-phc4uhc-nigerias-policy-experts-tour-primary-health-institutions.html>

context and navigate the focus for PHC visits and the basic minimum package under the PHCUOR policy<sup>6,7</sup>.



**NIPSS SEC 41 study tour at PHCs in Lagos State (left) and Niger State (right)**



**NIPSS SEC 41 in Taraba State**

To expand the engagement sphere<sup>8</sup>, the NIPSS SEC 41 was supported to attend the National Health Dialogue (16<sup>th</sup> October 2019), hosted in collaboration with dRPC partner Premium Times to share their preliminary findings with civil society and UHC experts and field questions and

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/ssouth-west/330130-phc4uhc-how-state-health-insurance-will-be-implemented-in-lagos-govt-experts.html>

<sup>7</sup> <https://thenationonlineng.net/how-to-take-lagos-health-sector-to-next-level-by-experts/>.

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/health/health-news/324745-what-nigeria-must-do-to-achieve-universal-health-coverage-experts.html>

perspectives. Following this, the dRPC supported a policy dialogue on funding Universal Health Coverage from the perspective of Traditional/Religious leaders (24<sup>th</sup> October 2019). Traditional and religious leaders in Nigeria play a crucial role as gatekeepers for health in many communities. Their insights and support for funding health are invaluable in ensuring the success of health



**NIPSS at the National Health Dialogue (16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019) (left) and Traditional Rulers discuss UHC at NIPSS (24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019) (right)**

initiatives. By leveraging their influence, NIPSS, policymakers, and health advocates gained valuable insight into the needs and priorities of local communities, which informed the development of recommendations for effective health policies and programs. Additionally, NIPSS' recommendation was for traditional and religious leaders to be engaged to mobilize resources and support for health initiatives, which is critical in ensuring their success. Overall, the engagement of traditional and religious leaders was an effective strategy for NIPSS over their research period in finding solutions for achieving universal health coverage and improving health outcomes in communities across Nigeria.

The dRPC also provided a team of experts to provide peer review and technical support to NIPSS



**Prof Habu Galadima, NIPSS DG, presented the SEC 41 Recommendations to President Muhammadu Buhari**

for their SEC 41 report to optimize the output for the presidential parley on funding UHC for Nigerians. Notable successes recorded include the recommendations made during the Presidential parley noted and lauded as practical by the Vice president during the graduation ceremony (23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019) that all the recommendations from the report would be acted on<sup>9, 10, 11</sup>.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/health/health-interviews/364752-nipss-graduates-executives-who-produced-report-on-nigerias-universal-health-coverage-live-updates.html>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.nipsskuru.gov.ng/index.php/article-categories/135-records-of-nipss-drpc-collaboration.html>

<sup>11</sup> [Buhari Pledges Action As NIPSS Submits Report On Universal Healthcare Delivery - Channels Television \(channelstv.com\)](http://www.channelsstv.com/news/Buhari-Pledges-Action-As-NIPSS-Submits-Report-On-Universal-Healthcare-Delivery)

After the SEC program, dRPC collaborated with the NIPSS to raise awareness of the potential for delivering cost-effective and expanded UHC services through the National Primary Health Care Under One Roof policy. NIPSS produced policy and issue briefs on sustainable funding for universal healthcare delivery through the PHC system in Nigeria<sup>12</sup>. In disseminating its knowledge products on UHC (Issue Briefs, Policy Briefs, and the Main UHC Report), the dRPC worked with NIPSS to ensure all members of the Senate Health Committee and the Federal Ministry of Health were provided with copies.

## Year 2020

### 1. dRPC's Technical Support for the NHIA Bill for UHC

Following the NIPSS SEC 41 report submission to the president and his cabinet members during the parlay, dRPC supported advocacies to the Chairman Senate Committee on Health of the National Assembly to present its findings and recommendations. The dRPC-supported-NIPSS-SEC 41 report evidence was adopted in the synthesized new draft National Health Insurance Commission (NHIC) Bill. The passed National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) Bill contained a provision that makes health insurance mandatory in Nigeria for every Nigerian and legal resident. That was informed by 'Recommendation Three' of the SEC 41 report earlier submitted to the Senate Committee on Health in February 2020. Also, the passed NHIS (now NHIA) Bill included a provision that sought to further expand the fiscal space for health in Nigeria (in addition to the one already done by the National Health Act 2014 through the Basic Health Care Provision Fund – BHCPF) by the possibility of earmarking of a tax that has a potential to generate an annual health revenue more significant than the 2020 capital budget allocation to health. That provision was informed by 'Recommendation One' of the SEC 41 report.



*Prof Habu Galadima, NIPSS DG, alongside Dr Judith-Ann Walker, dRPC, presents recommendations to Senator Ibrahim Oloriegbe, Chairman of the 9th Assembly's Senate Committee on Health.*

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.nipsskuru.gov.ng/index.php/article-categories/135-records-of-nipss-drpc-collaboration.html>

## 2. dRPC's Support for Primary Health Care Under One Roof; NPHCDA Scorecard Assessment to Ascertain Readiness of the PHCs for UHC

The dRPC supported the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) in successfully conducting the Scorecard 5 assessment to strengthen policy implementation of the Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) policy at the national level and in ten states as part of its nationwide assessment. This evidence informed the government's PHC revival strategy. The dRPC also successfully advocated the integration of indigenous CSOs as part of the Scorecard 5 assessors for the first time in the scorecard assessment process.

dRPC, as a critical stakeholder, was also involved in five engagement meetings regarding conducting the PHCUOR scorecard assessment via various fora in the NPHCDA, including the Top Management Team (TMT) and one-on-one sessions. The stakeholders included officials from the Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH), NPHCDA, National Council on Health, Executive Secretaries of SPHCs, implementing partners, Civil Society Organizations, and the dRPC partner, Society of Public Health Practitioners of Nigeria (SPHPN-PAS).

The dRPC partner, SPHPN-PAS, was also involved in five platform meetings before the commencement of the assessment. In the preceding year, the dRPC supported SPHPN-PAS to conduct a scoping mission on PHCUOR activities at the national level, and findings were shared with the NPHCDA, which informed the basis for updating the NPHCDA's assessment checklist for the scorecard 5. Also, dRPC supported the NPHCDA in introducing and conducting a pre-testing of the scorecard five assessment checklist to ascertain the reliability and validity of the scorecard. This was the first time a process such as this was included in the NPHCDA's methodology. The pretest exercise was conducted in Kaduna state at the state primary health care board level, three preselected LGHAs, and one health facility within the preselected LGHAs in the state. The tool was further revised to incorporate feedback from the pretest exercise. The



**Pre-testing of PHCUOR scorecard five assessment Checklist in Chukun LGHA**

tool was finalized and presented to the PHCs Technical Management Team, including partners and CSOs like SPHPN-PAS, for review and adoption ahead of the exercise. To strengthen the production of PHCUOR scorecard 5, dRPC worked with the NPHCDA to conduct national training for 37 assessors for the scorecard 5. Assessors were selected and trained. Team assessors for each state consisted of three members: NPHCDA/FMoH team leads from Abuja headquarters, NPHCDA state coordinators from states beyond their primary place of assignment

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**Training of National Assessors for PHCUOR scorecard five Assessment at dRPC training Centre Abuja**

but within the same geopolitical zone to avoid bias, and a representative of implementing partners. The implementing partners included the Nigeria Governors Forum, HERFON, NHED, and IHP+. The training covered the assessment methodology, data collection and collation, and expected deliverables. The training allowed the assessors to understand the methods for administering the five checklists of the PHCUOR scorecard.

Also, seven dRPC PAS-CSOs were involved in data collection in ten states. They made up the assessment team for each state, provided seamless entry into states, and increased engagement with key state stakeholders.

The dRPC's collaboration with the NPHCDA resulted in scorecard 5 being the most inclusive scorecard assessment process ever recorded by the NPHCDA.

## Year 2022

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### **1. dRPC's Role in Bringing the Local Government into the Dialogue for UHC Delivery**

The local governments are usually under-consulted and under-engaged in the conversation of UHC delivery. It was based on this that the dRPC collaborated with partner NIPSS to convene policy dialogue on strengthening Health Governance at the Local Government Level, showcasing the effectiveness of Health MOU States (Yobe, Bauchi, Gombe, Kano, and Kaduna States) and their local government's role on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The Health MOU states are states that are signed up to the tripartite MOU with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Aliko Dangote Foundation on clear deliverables for health.

Following dialogues with the corresponding Executive Secretaries of the Primary Health Care Development Agencies/Boards at the meeting, the Bauchi and Gombe States Commissioners of Health committed to sustaining health financing in keeping with the 15% Abuja declaration and filling the human resources for health gaps. The Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON), the umbrella Association of all the Local Governments and Area Councils in Nigeria, provided perspectives on the role of local government in delivering UHC in this dialogue and provided context on the need for accountability and some level of autonomy for the planning and utilization of the funds for healthcare at that level of implementation.

This conversation spurred the need for inclusive dialogue between federal, state, and local governments on their roles in delivering UHC. At the end of this engagement, a position paper was developed and shared with the executives of all the states involved, the NPHCDA, and the NIPSS senior executive course 44 participants researching solutions to making policies work. The recommendations from this policy dialogue fed into the SEC44 final report to Mr. President and his cabinet members on what works for the policy process in light of the status of Executive Order 10.



**PAS collaborates with NIPSS to host a convening on strengthening health at the local government level (25<sup>th</sup> August 2022)**

Following this, dRPC provided technical support for the technical inputs in the parley report development of SEC 44, which focused on strengthening local governance in Nigeria and challenges, options, and opportunities. dRPC supported NIPSS as a change agent by presenting its findings and recommendations as part of Nigeria's policy formulation and implementation process. From this, two of their ten recommendations to

Mr. President and the line ministries champion the LGA's importance for efficient PHC service delivery, the CSO's accountability role, and increased citizen engagement.

## **2. dRPC's Research Calls Attention of Government to the Brain Drain and its Consequence to the Government's UHC efforts**

Following the development of robust research from data collated from the health professional associations in Nigeria, dRPC collaborated with NIPSS to host a one-day national symposium on Nigeria's current health sector brain drain and its implications for sustainable child and family health service delivery and financing in the context of new national health priorities (UHC) on 19<sup>th</sup>



**PAS collaborates with NIPSS to host a convening on strengthening health at the local government level (L) and another convening on the implications of HRH gaps on health service delivery on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022**

October 2022. At the meeting, the Hon. Minister of Health, Dr Osagie Ehanire, committed to addressing the human resource for health gaps<sup>13141516</sup>. Present at the meeting was the Coordinator of the Presidential Health Reform Committee, the Federal Ministry of Health, professional associations (NMA, MDCN, PCN, NANMN, and NACHPN), and Nigerian Doctors in the United Kingdom (NDUK).

Following the meeting, to address the health sector brain drain, two programs were introduced in the 2023 budget for the first time for ₦184 million: the operationalization of the National Health Workforce Registry (NHWR) and the

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/08/migration-fg-to-introduce-policy-to-replace-medical-personnel/>

<sup>14</sup> [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WdEdvRou\\_VONgq0vVrDrYxFJT9wUPZHd?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WdEdvRou_VONgq0vVrDrYxFJT9wUPZHd?usp=sharing)

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/08/migration-fg-to-introduce-policy-to-replace-medical-personnel/>

<sup>16</sup> [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WdEdvRou\\_VONgq0vVrDrYxFJT9wUPZHd?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WdEdvRou_VONgq0vVrDrYxFJT9wUPZHd?usp=sharing)

National Collaborating Centers program for education and training in health planning and management, review, and finalization of health workforce migration policy leading to the national HRH conference.

## Year 2023

### 1. dRPC's Support for the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare Nigeria's Health Sector Development Blueprint for UHC.

On November 23, 2023, the Nigeria Universal Health Coverage (UHC) forum, in collaboration with dRPC, organized a significant event, the Civil Society Forum on Nigeria's Health Sector



**dRPC-PAS CSOs & UHC Forum meet Hon Minister Pate on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2023**

Development Blueprint, with the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare Prof Mohammed Ali Pate CON.

This was the Coordinating Minister's first engagement following the recently concluded National Council on Health meeting held in Ekiti state. It was fitting that he decided to consult with civil society. The event provided a platform for civil society organizations to engage with the Honorable Minister of

Health and Social Welfare as he discussed his ambitious health sector renewal program. The program addresses four critical areas: improved governance, population and health outcomes, unlocking the value chain, and health security.

The dRPC supported this forum, which brought together various stakeholders to discuss the future of Nigeria's healthcare system. The forum provided a unique opportunity for civil society organizations, including dRPC, to contribute to the ongoing dialogue about the country's health sector and provide valuable input into the government's strategies and policies.



**Hon Minister Pate presents his Blueprint to CSOs on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2023**

During the forum, Prof Mohammed Ali Pate presented his health sector renewal program, outlining its key focus areas. He emphasized the importance of improved governance in the health sector, highlighting the need for transparency, accountability, and effective management to ensure the efficient delivery of healthcare services to all Nigerians. Additionally, he underscored the significance of addressing population and health

outcomes, recognizing the need for targeted interventions to improve healthcare access and outcomes nationwide.

Furthermore, Prof Mohammed Ali Pate highlighted the importance of unlocking the value chain in the health sector, aiming to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in delivering healthcare services. He also emphasized the critical need for health security, particularly considering emerging global health threats and the ongoing challenges of infectious diseases.

One of the most noteworthy aspects of the forum was the minister's call to civil society organizations to appraise his blueprint, identify its strengths and weaknesses, and provide recommendations to improve the proposed strategies further. This call to action demonstrated the minister's commitment to engaging with civil society and incorporating diverse perspectives into the development of the health sector renewal program.



**CSOs provide feedback to Hon Minister Pate on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2023**

As a participant in the forum, dRPC actively engaged in discussions and contributed valuable insights to the appraisal of the Blueprint. The organization leveraged its expertise and experience in health research and policy advocacy to critically analyze the proposed strategies, identify potential areas for improvement, and offer constructive recommendations to enhance the effectiveness and impact of the health sector renewal program. Moving forward, dRPC remains committed to collaborating

with the government, civil society, and other stakeholders to support the ongoing efforts to

strengthen Nigeria's healthcare system. The organization advocates for evidence-based policies, inclusive governance, and sustainable solutions to achieve universal health coverage and improved health outcomes for all Nigerians.

The Civil Society Forum on Nigeria's Health Sector Development Blueprint provided a valuable platform for dialogue and collaboration, fostering constructive engagement between the government and civil society organizations. The active participation of dRPC and other stakeholders underscored the importance of inclusive decision-making and the collective effort required to drive meaningful change in Nigeria's health sector. As the dialogue continues, all stakeholders must remain committed to working together to address the challenges and opportunities in pursuing Nigeria's healthier and more resilient future.

## **2. dRPC includes her voice on the 2023 Universal Health Coverage Policy Dialogue**

In a meeting organized by the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, NPHCDA, and the Nigeria UHC Forum to mark the UHC day on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2023, the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare presented his Health Sector Blueprint, setting the stage for the strategic vision for the health sector.

The NPHCDA also provided a new perspective on the Basic Healthcare Provision Programme. At



**Panel photo at the UHC policy dialogue**

this convening, a panel composed of His Excellency Inuwa Yahaya, the Executive Governor of Gombe State, Country Representative of UNICEF, Nigeria, Civil Society Coalition, Chairman of the Forum of CEOs of State Health Insurance Agencies, President of Healthcare Federation of Nigeria Rep. Private Sector and the dRPC (Dr. Judith-Ann Walker) discussed the new strategic vision for the health sector.

Dr. Walker called on the government to recognize the critical role of civil society and collaborate with CSOs to promote accountability throughout the implementation of the health sector blueprint plans. The dRPC joins stakeholders to support the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare in charting a path for 200 million Nigerians to access health through coordination, adequate funding, and policy formulation<sup>17</sup>.



*Dr Judith-Ann Walker, dRPC.*

At this event, the Honorable Minister of State for Health (Dr. Tunji Alausa), the new Director of the Planning, Research, and Statistics of the Federal Ministry of Health (Dr. Chris Isokponwu), the Executive Director of the NPHCDA (Dr. Muyi Aina), and Development partners made presentations.

## Year 2024

### 1. dRPC Sustains Momentum and Accountability on the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare's Health Sector Reform.

The Tinubu-led administration committed to improving health systems, promising to prioritize financing for health by increasing the health budget. However, the 2024 approved budget did not meet the 15% Abuja declaration cut-off, only reaching 5.03%. Nigeria can improve its healthcare system significantly despite facing multiple challenges. By addressing issues such as inadequate healthcare infrastructure, the high burden of diseases, human resources for health gaps, health inequalities, and limited access to quality healthcare services, Nigeria can pave the way for a healthier future for its citizens. On December 12th, 2023, Nigeria celebrated the UHC day, during which the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Prof Mohammed Ali Pate, unveiled his plan for the country's health sector. This Strategic Vision for the Health Sector [2023-2026] and Nigeria's Health Sector Renewal Plan aims to make healthcare accessible to all Nigerians, reduce physical and financial pain, and save lives. The plan focuses on four key areas: improving the effectiveness of health governance, creating an efficient, equitable, and quality health system, unlocking value chains, and enhancing health security. Additionally, the plan aims to improve data and digitization, financing, and strengthening the capabilities and values that drive a performance-based culture within the system. It's a comprehensive plan that could transform the country's health sector and improve the well-being of its citizens.

<sup>17</sup> [2023 UHC Day: dRPC, FG, others discuss PHC as path to UHC - 23rd November 2023 - dRPC \(drpcngr.org\)](https://www.drpcngr.org)

This health sector's strategic vision aims to significantly improve critical outcomes that will result in fewer deaths, enhanced quality of life and care, reduced financial strain, and reduced

risk factors for both communicable and non-communicable diseases. This plan will be achieved through the basic healthcare sector-wide approach that ensures all Nigerians have access to quality healthcare, irrespective of their income group. The Coordinating Minister acknowledges that Nigeria cannot progress with traditional "business as usual" models. Therefore, it's time for "business unusual" models to address critical areas in the healthcare sector. Based on this, the dRPC hosted a policy dialogue webinar that sought to understand and amplify the underpinnings of the Coordinating Minister's Health Sector Renewal Plan.

Over 200 participants registered and attended the webinar. A position paper was produced and presented to the Coordinating Minister.

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