



Future Health Systems

Innovations for equity

Innovations and knowledge for future health systems for the poor

Newsletter



Snippets of achievements March 2006 - July 2007

Consensus Building meeting with policy makers from the Oyo State Ministry of Health

A consensus building meeting was held with policy makers from the Oyo State Ministry of Health including the Commissioner for Health, the Directors of Primary Health Care, Planning and Research, Nursing, Secondary Health Care, Permanent Secretary, representative of Non-Government Organisations in 2006. During this meeting the purpose of the project and its implementation modalities were presented. Members expressed satisfaction with the project focus as the poor are the major producers of food for the masses and malaria is a major impediment to their productivity. Members reiterated the need for interventions to be carried out in such a way that the poor have access to available and affordable anti-malaria drug supply coupled with compliance education. Findings should be used to improve national malaria policy.

Inauguration of National Advisory Panel (NAP)

A ten member team National Advisory Panel for the FHS Nigeria was inaugurated at the Premier Hotel, Ibadan on the 24th April, 2006. Members include Professor Adetokunbo Lucas (Chairman), Prof. Emmanuel Ezedinachi, Dr. Mardi (National Primary Health Care Development Agency), Dr. (Mrs.) Amina Ibrahim (Personal Adviser to the ex-President), Honourable Saudatu Sani (member, House of Representatives), Dr. O. Oluwasola, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Prof. Akpan H. Ekpo, Akwa Ibom State University of Technology. Mrs. Sade Oguntola (The Nigerian Tribune, Ibadan) has also been selected.



From the left, Prof. Lucas (NAP Chairman), Prof. Oladepo (FHS Nigeria Country Coordinator), Dr. (Mrs.) Ofi (member, FHS Nigeria) and Prof. (Mrs.) Odejide (Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Ibadan) during the inauguration of NAP at Premier Hotel, Ibadan.

The inauguration was followed by the first official meeting of the panel who also provided guidelines on the research proposal.

The event was telecast in media houses (television and radio stations of Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo State (BCOS) and the Nigerian Television Authority and Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN). It was equally given prominence in a print media (Nigerian Tribune).



Some members of the National Advisory Panel During the Inauguration

Presentation of the project to Partnership for Transforming Health Systems (PATHs) DFID, Nigeria

A presentation of the project proposal and methodological process was presented to Partnership for Transforming Health Systems (PATHs) DFID, Nigeria since the organisation is working on issues related to the poor. The presentation was made on the 5th of June 2006 at Abuja to members of the PATHs Coordinating team in West Africa by Prof. Oladimeji Oladepo (FHS Country Coordinator). A main suggestion after the presentation was the need to focus on improvement of malaria services for the poor rather than on provision of quality anti-malaria drugs alone.

Capacity Building: Workshop on Qualitative Research Methods

As part of the capacity building of the project, a one-week Workshop on Qualitative Research Methods (June 19-23, 2006) was implemented for project staff, officials from the Oyo State Ministry of Health and Master of Public Health Students from the College of Medicine. Participatory and interactive methods were used.

Participants also gained hands on experience in designing and field testing qualitative research instruments. Certificates of participation were given to successful participants.



FHS Nigeria Country Coordinator, Prof. Oladimeji Oladepo, during one of the workshop sessions on capacity building in June 2006.

SCOPING STUDIES

Scoping formative studies were conducted between September and October 2006. Focus Group Discussion, Key Informant Interviews, In-depth Interviews guides and Observation checklists were used for data collection from community members, Patient Medicine Vendors (PMV) members, PMV association executive members, public and private health facility managers, policy makers in the health ministry and government parastatals such as NAFDAC.



Participants in participatory and interactive sessions in designing quantitative research instrument.

CONSORTIUM MEETINGS

Consortium meetings were attended by some team members at Johns Hopkins University, USA, October 31-November 1, 2005, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, UK between 13-14 January, 2005; Jaipur, India between 6-10 March, 2006; Beijing China between 11-15 September 2006 and at Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, Entebbe Uganda for Qualitative Research Workshop (4-5 January 2007, 8-12 January, 2007). The meetings provided opportunity for appraising consortium partners' projects and deliberations on next steps.

Other meetings and workshops include the National advisory Panel meeting, April 2007 at the Conference centre, University of Ibadan, Policy brief on Using Evidenced-based Data in Promoting Policy Decisions on Gender Based violence in Nigeria, with presentation to stakeholders in Ibadan (July 5), Enugu (July 7) and Kaduna (July 9, 2007).

Workshop on Quantitative Research Methods

A 3-day Workshop on Quantitative Research Methods (March 7-9, 2007) was also implemented for project staff, officials from the Oyo State Ministry of Health and Master/Ph. D students in Public Health from the College of Medicine in continuation of the FHS capacity building. Participatory and interactive methods were used. Participants also gained hands on experience in designing and field testing quantitative research instruments. Certificates of participation were given to successful participants.



Participants at the opening ceremony for a 3-day workshop on Quantitative Research Methods held between 7-9 March, 2007.

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