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**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM OF THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF HEALTH ON THE
MASTER FACILITY LIST (MFL) AND NIGERIA HEALTH FACILITY REGISTRY (HFR)**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Council on progress of the Master Facility List and Nigeria Health Facility registry development, and seek Council's support for the allocation of fund for the management of MFL/ Health facility registry

INTRODUCTION

The National Council on Health (NCH) was informed of the development of MFL and HFR at its 60th meeting in Abeokuta, Ogun State.

The Master Facility List (MFL) is a complete listing of all the health facilities in the country with information on the signature domain (which identifies the health facility by location and unique identifier) and service domain elements (which show the kind of services that are provided by the health facility).

The MFL is a dynamic document, which should change as new health facilities are registered and non-viable ones close out. It should also be able to document the upgrade or downgrade of health facilities whether from primary to secondary, secondary to tertiary or vice-versa.

However, the Nigeria Health Sector, especially the National Health Information Management System has been using a paper based MFL updated last in 2013. This has been constrained by various challenges including the lack of defined processes and system to facilitate the continuous update of the MFL by the health facility registries in the states and the FCT.

To address some of the shortcomings associated with the previous MFL, the Federal Ministry of Health with the support of the USAID funded MEASURE Evaluation project developed a Health Facility Registry (HFR). This HFR, an electronic information system, will permit each state to carry out continuous management of the list of health facilities within its jurisdiction. A major objective of HFR development is to enable interoperability with the District Health Information System (DHIS2), the official platform for National Health Management Information System (NHMIS).

FURTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

The HFR has been populated with a base health facility data that was harvested from multiple health facility lists currently in circulation across the country (including the DHIS2). This list has been validated at state level.

PRAYERS

Council is invited to note that:

- i. A National Health Facility Registry has been developed to ensure seamless updating of health facility list in Nigeria, and provide up-to-date health facility data for decision making
- ii. The initial population and update of the registry would require the cooperation of all stakeholders, including all the States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory.
- iii. The HFR has been populated with health facility list validated at state level.
- iv. The guidance document has been developed and states will be contacted for review and provide updates to make it workable in the management of MFL process in States and LGAs.

Council is further invited to:

- i. Enjoin States and Health Partners to support the rollout of HFR in their respective states and promote its use to manage facility updates;
- ii. Request States and FCT to allocate resources to the ongoing management of facility list in the States and FCT.

Honourable Minister of Health

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