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**MEMORANDUM OF THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH, SOKOTO STATE ON IMPROVING IMMUNIZATION COVERAGE IN SOKOTO STATE**

**1. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to seek Council's approval for the adoption and implementation of the Sokoto State model for improving Immunization.

**2. BACKGROUND:**

According to NDHIS survey of 2013, Sokoto State has the lowest coverage on DPT1 (3.2%) DPT3 (2.3%), Measles 3.3% while other States were having 92.2%, 85.2% and 75.8% respectively. This is disturbing and unacceptable considering the huge investment by Government and partners in the sector. This will also expose the children to Poliomyelitis, Measles, Tetanus, and Tuberculosis, blood infection, diphtheria, ear infection, Hepatitis, Pertusis etc.

In order to raise the coverage of Immunization in Sokoto State, various measures were taken which included the following:

- Introduction of newborn tracking and registration by traditional leaders
- Traditional Barbers (Wanzamai) engagement in tracking and referring newborns for immunization
- Jumuat mosques engagement for routine immunization and other health issues
- Full involvement of traditional and religious leaders in resolving non compliance to Routine and Supplementary Immunization Activities
- Expansion of Health Facilities offering RI in the state
- Signing MoU with Private Health Facilities for RI service provision
- Increasing budgetary provision of SPHCDA
- Establishment of SERIEC within the SPHCDA
- Increase awareness creation using media, IEC materials
- Training and re-training at all levels
- Constitution of RI Task force committee headed by the State Deputy Governor
- Strengthening of zonal cold stores for vaccine safety

As a result of the above activities, the coverage on Immunization in Sokoto State has improved to 43% according to Q2 LQAS 2018 survey

**PRAYERS:**

***The Council is invited to note as follows:***

1. The Progress recorded in immunization in Sokoto State as a result of the following measures taken:
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- Bill Gate and Dangote visited PHC Sifawa and conducted Integrated Supportive Supervision for an hour. They are satisfied and later sent a commendation letter to the State and in particular PHC Sifawa.

Council is further invited to approve the adoption and implementation of the Sokoto State model for improving Immunization in all States of the Federation and the FCT.

**Honourable Commissioner for Health**

**June, 2018.**