



**OPENING REMARKS BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY,
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH, A. M. ABDULLAHI, ON THE
OCCASION OF MEDIA ENGAGEMENT HELD AT THE LADI
KWALI HALL, SHERATON HOTEL AND TOWERS, ABUJA ON
THE 7TH DECEMBER 2020**

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It is a pleasure to welcome you all to this occasion of media engagement with the leadership of the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH). Today's event is important because it affords us the opportunity to inform Nigerians on what the Ministry has done and is doing to achieve the next level health agenda of this administration as set by Mr. President.

2. As you may be aware, the FMOH has the responsibility of coordinating and managing the overall healthcare system in the country. This responsibility is carried out through structured systems which comprise of Departments, Programmes and Agencies in collaboration with health systems of States and Local Governments, and great support from relevant Stakeholders.

3. The Top Management of FMOH and its parastatals is here today to brief Nigerians on the Federal Government's health sector achievements in the last five years and on what the 2021 road map is all about. You may wish to know that in continuation of the good work commenced in Mr. President's first tenure, he has in this second tenure, set a nine-point health sector next level agenda that will propel the country towards the attainment of the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for the populace.

4. This event will be guided by the able leadership of the Honourable Minister of Health, Dr. Emmanuel Osagie Ehanire, an accomplished manager with great vision and Honourable Minister of State for Health, the very Distinguished Senator Dr. Olorunnimbe Adeleke Mamorah. They will be supported by the heads of Departments, Programmes and Agencies of the Ministry. The Honourable Ministers will share with us the overall vision of the current health agenda, the achievements so far attained and the road map towards a **Greater Health Sector, 2021**. This will then be followed by presentations from Heads of Departments/Programmes and Agencies to enunciate the contributions towards achieving the goal of UHC for Nigeria.

5. We have received tremendous support from our partners all through the years who have been working with us to ensure that we deliver on our mandate. This event also affords us an opportunity to appreciate and commend them for their unrelenting support. We shall be taking goodwill messages from these our esteemed partners.

6. The unveiling of the **revised Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) implementation guideline** will be done as the highlight of this event. The National Health Act (2014) established the BHCPF as one of the key drivers to attaining equitable health for all in Nigeria. Under the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari, the BHCPF implementation began with the appropriation and release of at least one percent of the Consolidated Revenue Fund as provided by the Act. This has set in motion the mechanism to fast track achieving UHC for all.

7. There will be media tour to showcase what the FMOH and its Parastatals are doing to ensure effective healthcare delivery with session for questions from participants and media. It is our expectation that at the end of this event, Nigerians will be better informed about what this administration has done and is doing to improve and provide better health services to Nigerians.

8. This event is for the media and other stakeholders to get the chance to seek clarifications, support and contribute towards a **Greater Health Sector 2021**. I urge the media and other relevant stakeholders to come on board as active partners to the deliverables of this Federal Government health agenda.

9. This occasion further provides the opportunity to begin the roll-out of the road map so that Nigerians will fully participate in supporting its successful implementation. A lot of efforts have gone into this activity and it will be first of many such activities going forward. I therefore welcome all of you to this epoch-making event and invite you to key into this health agenda and be fully engaged with the process.

10. Thank you and God bless.