DECLARATION OF ACTION AFTER A HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL DIALOGUE ON EFFECTIVE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AS AN ENABLER FOR PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION (SAM) IN JIGAWA STATE HELD AT ROYAL HOTEL, JIGAWA STATE ON 25TH JANUARY, 2019.

Preamble

Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) organized a High Level Political Dialogue on Effective Primary Health Care as an Enabler for Prevention and Treatment of SAM. The Dialogue was attended by representatives of various political parties including: APC, SDP, PDP and PPU as well as Civil Society Organizations and the media. After exhaustive deliberations on the aim of the meeting which is to provide enabling platform for diverse political parties in the state to brainstorm on critical issues, giving cognizance to their roles and elicit their buy-in towards effective PHC for prevention and treatment of SAM, we the participants:

**Recognized** that Severe Acute Malnutrition constitutes a serious setback to socio-economic development of a nation; and sustainable growth in Jigawa state cannot be achieved without prioritized attention to scale-up and sustain investment for nutrition;

**Also recognized** that adequate nutrition status constitutes component of the rights of a child as enshrines under section 13
(1) of Child Right Act 2013 which provides for every child to enjoy the best attainable state of physical, mental and spiritual health;

**Further recognized** that adequate, accessible and affordable Primary Health Care system remains an essential mechanism for every Government to effectively deliver on suitable nutrition status for the children in Nigeria;

**Expressed our deep concern** over inherent challenges like unethical attitudes or dearth of healthcare personnel, low maintenance culture, poor funding and infrastructural services across Primary Health Care centres, backpedalling adequate coverage and delivery of nutrition interventions across the country;

**Noted** that Section 11 of the National Health Act 2014 establishes Primary Health Care Provision Fund to be funded through Federal Government annual grant of not less than 1% of its Consolidated Revenue Fund with 50% of the Fund to be used for the provision of basic minimum package of health services to citizens;

**Recommended** strengthened relevant Committees in the State House of Assembly with special focus on nutrition to give desired attention to malnutrition with adequate and sustainable provision of resources to Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF), routine drugs and complimentary commodities.
Committed to prioritize prevention and treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition through effective operationalization of Primary Health Care centres, and stress such in our respective political agenda, policy and actions;

Affirmed sustained budget line for nutrition and ensure timely releases of funds for the procurement RUTF to avert stock-out in distribution across CMAM in the state;

Endorsed full implementation of Primary Health Care provisions as enshrined in the National Health Act to achieve adequate coverage and sustainable nutrition investment and activities in Nigeria;

Will ensure Local Government autonomy to enhance full financial independence in the management of Primary Health Care systems for transparency and accountability to promote adequate and sustainable coverage of nutrition interventions in the state;

Will also ensure appropriate domestication and full implementation of Child Right Act to effect adequate nutrition status as a child right;

Shall effectively amplify importance of adequate nutrition status through enhanced education and awareness programmes, and food security, while institutionalising appropriate nutrition
governance and accountability structure to enhance accountability for nutrition interventions;

**Will support** expansion of Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) programmes to yet-to-reach LGAs through existing policies implementation, adequate budgetary allocation, timely release, cash backing and utilization of funds and oversight activities;

**We hereby** nominate one participant from each organization to commit to these actions on our behalves:

1. APC
2. APC
3. SDP
4. PDP
5. PPU