DECLARATION OF ACTION

DECLARATION OF ACTION AFTER THE PRESENTATIONS BY CIVIL SOCIETY SCALLING-UP NUTRITION IN NIGERIA (CS-SUNN) AT 31ST NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH PHYSICIANS OF NIGERIA IN MAKURDI, BENUE STATE FROM 18TH-23RD JANUARY, 2015.

Civil Society Scaling-up Nutrition in Nigeria (CS-SUNN) made a presentation at 31st National Scientific Conference organised by Association of Public Health Physicians of Nigeria in Makurdi, Benue state. The session was well attended by the members of the Association from different parts of the country. It was supported by members of Partnership for Advocacy in Child and Family Health (PACFaH)—Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) and Health Reform Foundation of Nigeria (HERFON). The session featured Dr. Chris Osa Isokpunwu of Federal Ministry of Health., Dr. Philippa Momah and Mr. Sunday Okoronkwo as the lead presenters and other discussants. After brainstorming exhaustively on various thematic issues, we the participants:

1. **Express our deep concern** over increasing percentage of stunted children under age of 5 across the six geo-political zones in Nigeria such as: 55%, 42%, 29%, 22%, 18%, 16% in the North West, North East, North Central, South West, South South and South East, respectively (as provided by NDHS);
2. **Recognize** that nutrition remains a smart investment to accelerate key economic progress in the country, and reduce stunting of children;
3. **Also recognize** that malnutrition in children result in poor education performance and increased chronic disease in children under age of 5; and socio-cultural factors militate against interventions to probe malnutrition in Nigeria;
4. **Advocate** for the effective implementation of Strategic Plan of Action on Nutrition at all levels;
5. **Support** the domestication of the National Strategic Plan of Action on Nutrition across the States;
6. **Shall undertake** research that will promote maternal new-born and child health at all levels in Nigeria;
7. **Commit** to establish local working groups on scaling up nutrition at all levels in Nigeria;
8. **Also commit** to create awareness through seminars, conference, and public lectures on the policy and plans;

Signed:

1. *Association of Public Health Physicians of Nigeria*
2. *Federal Ministry of Health*
3. Civil Society Scaling-up Nutrition in Nigeria (CS-SUNN)
4. Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC)
5. Health Reform Foundation of Nigeria (HERFON)
We hereby nominate one participant from each organization to commit to these actions on our behalves: