COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, CSOs AND MEDIA DIALOGUE ON REVITALISATION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN KANO STATE ORGANISED BY CIVIL SOCIETY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CENTRE (CISLAC) AT QUARTER HOUSE HOTEL, ON 5TH MARCH, 2020.

PREAMBLE:

Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) organised a Policy Dialogue on Primary Health Care Revitalisation in Kano state under the aegis of a project titled “Reinvestment: Increasing Legislative Oversight on Primary Health Care in Nigeria”. The Dialogue aimed at deepening critical discussions on fact-findings from the site visit, while providing enabling platform for holistic recommendations in harnessing potentials for revitalising Primary Health Care to inform appropriate legislative decisions and policy directions in the state. With a special site visit to Mariri Primary Health Care centre at Kumbotso Local Government Area, Kano state, the Dialogue provoked critical discussions towards harnessing potential for revitalising Primary Health Care to inform appropriate legislative decisions and policy directions for the state. After exhaustive deliberations on the thematic issue -- "Situation of Primary Healthcare in Kano state: Understanding the Minimum Standard for Adequate, Affordable and Accessible PHC in Nigeria", the following observations and recommendations were made:

1. While Primary Health Care system is the cornerstone and hub of Nigeria health system, it remains the first level of contact to individual and community at all levels.

2. Kano State Government has hitherto initiated several policies transmitted into Laws as part of the efforts to promote adequate, accessible and affordable health care services.

3. Adequate, accessible and affordable Primary Health Care service provision and delivery are principled on equity, appropriate technology, community participation, inter-sectoral collaboration, and essential health care service delivery.

4. Inefficient service delivery, inadequate financial and human resources allocation and dissemination are systemic challenges bedevilling efficient and effective health care service provision and delivery in Primary Health Care centres in Nigeria.

5. The site visit to Primary Health Care facility in the state has helped relevant committees in the House of Assembly, Executive arm, CSOs and the media to further gain deeper understanding of the existing challenges and appreciate importance of basic health care to common citizens in the state.

6. Misplaced priority in resource allocation for the revitalisation of Primary Health Care creates mismatch in budgetary implementation at PHC levels.
RECOMMENDATIONS:

Participants recommended as follows:

In short-term:

1. Revisit the situation assessment findings of PHC centres in the state with prioritised attention to their existence, available services and functionality.

2. Improved intersectoral collaboration among relevant MDAs

In medium term:

3. Full implementation of minimum standard for Primary Health Care, giving cognisance to adequate infrastructure facilities and accessible service delivery.

4. Harnessing the Basic Health Care Provision Fund with constructive legislative-executive collaboration to efficiently deliver on the minimum health care package.

5. Revitalising Primary Health Care system based on economic realities, timely passage of Appropriation Act and release of funds, adequate funding, sufficient use of funds and appropriate accountability.

In long-term:

6. Encouraging private sector investment in the Primary Health Care to bridge existing gaps and complement effort of the government in adequate, accessible and affordable service provision and delivery.

Commitments/Action points:

1. Members committed to discuss with the larger house on the need to provide functional boreholes across Primary Health Care facilities to address the exiting shortage of water supply in the facilities.

2. The Chairman House Committee on Health committed to liaise with the Members of Environment Committee in the House to ensure prompt deployment of cleaners to Primary Health Care facilities in the state to address existing sanitation challenges.

3. Members committed to integrate Primary Health Care Revitalisation as part of Constituency Project in the state.

4. Director Disease Control at SPHCMB committed to follow-up on provision of pillow case, Bed Sheet, Matrasses to Mariri PHCs.

5. Members committed to follow-up on recruitment of additional health workers for deployment to PHCs.

6. Kano state CSOs and Media committed to follow-up with the members of the House of Assembly and SPHCMB on the commitment made during this policy dialogue.
Signed:

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