



COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OVERVIEW OF THE PSNF INTEGRATE PROJECT (2021 TILL PRESENT)

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ACRONYMS

ACRONYMS	MEANINGS
ACPN	Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria
BMGF	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
BoT	Board of Trustees
CPR	Contraceptive Prevalence Rate
CPs	Community Pharmacists
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
DMPA-SC	Depot-Medroxyprogesterone Acetate-Subcutaneous
DOTs	Direct Observation Treatment short course
EML	Essential Medicine List
FMOH	Federal Ministry of Health
FP	Family Planning
HMH	Honorable Minister of Health
IEC	Information, Education and Communication (Materials)
NDHS	Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NTBLCP	National Tuberculosis & Leprosy Control Programme
NSTG	National Standard Treatment Guideline
PCN	Pharmacy Council of Nigeria
PHC	Primary Health Care

PPM	Public Private Mix
PPMVs	Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendors
PSN	Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria
PSNF	Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria Foundation
RH	Reproductive Health
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SFH	Society for Family Health
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
TAS	Tiered Accreditation System
TSTS	Task Shifting and Task Sharing

1.0 BACKGROUND

The IntegratE project, implemented by a consortium led by the Society of Family Health (SFH) which is supported by the BMGF and co-funded with MSD for Mothers, has since 2017 been working with the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) to broaden its task-sharing and task-shifting (TSTS) policy by piloting a tiered accreditation system, led by the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN) to test a task-shifting model in Lagos and Kaduna States with the view to future scale-up. The pilot, which is still ongoing, is conducting implementation research and generating evidence on PPMV and CP capacity to provide FP services, CP and PPMV perceptions of the tiered accreditation model, and client experiences with the FP services received. Preliminary findings from this first phase of IntegratE (IntegratE 1.0) are showing evidence that PPMVs can be trained on and are willing to provide a broader range of quality FP counseling and services to their clients, aided by an enabling health system architecture and consumer engagement and that women are willing to obtain these services from trained PPMVs.

The proposed follow-on project, IntegratE 2.0, builds on this evidence and learning to scale up the pilot in other states in Nigeria. Working closely with PCN, the federal and state-level MOHs, and professional associations, IntegratE 2.0 aims to sustainably scale up the evidence and learnings on the PCN-led implementation of the Tiered Accreditation System (TAS) to improve retail private sector provision of FP and PHC services, including Malaria, Pneumonia, Diarrhea, Nutrition, and Tuberculosis. The overall IntegratE project goal is to pilot new approaches to testing, integrating, and increasing the provision of quality FP and PHC services by CPs and PPMVs in 11 Nigerian states to increase access to and use of FP and PHC at these points of service by 2025 while generating further evidence for incremental policy change at State and Federal level.

The IntegratE 2.0 investment is designed to address three primary outcomes in a total of 11 states:

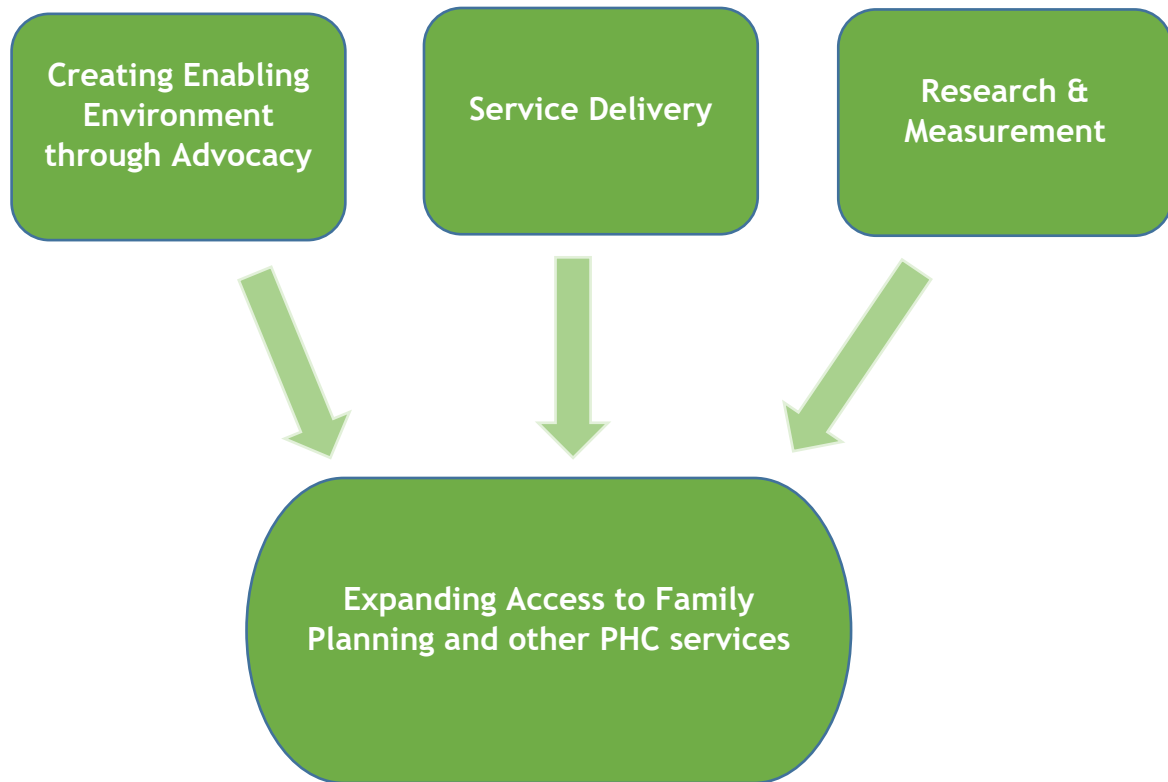
- **Primary Outcome 1:** Establishment of a supportive regulatory environment that enables CPs and PPMVs to offer expanded FP and PHC services in 11 states in Nigeria by 2025
- **Primary Outcome 2:** Increases in women and communities' use of an expanded range of quality FP and PHC services through CPs and PPMVs in eleven states in Nigeria by 2025.

The Intermediate outcomes for Outcome 2 will include:

- I. Proof-of-concept for integrated FP/PHC training and quality services offerings at CPs/PPMVs in six Nigerian states by 2024.
- II. Scaling of integrated FP/PHC training for CP/PPMVs to offer quality services to five additional Nigerian states by 2025.

- III. Increased availability of an expanded range of quality FP and PHC information and services provided by trained CPs and PPMVs in line with national guidelines in eleven states in Nigerian by 2025.
- IV. Increased competency of CPs/PPMVs to offer FP/PHC services in eleven Nigerian states by 2025.
- **Primary Outcome 3:** A robust monitoring, evaluation, and research plan informs program learning, evidence generation, performance, and scale-up for each phase established.

Figure one: The theory of change for the IntegratE for achieving the above outcomes which driven by three main complementary strategies are shown below



Source: The IntegratE Project Document

Then IntegratE 2.0 project which is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) was approved and commissioned for implementation in October 2021.

The IntegratE Project is implemented by three complementary project work streams supported by SFH and other consortium partners (Population Council, Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN),

Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria Foundation (PSNF), Animpact and Nivi), with SFH responsible for overall management for the project.

Project Locations

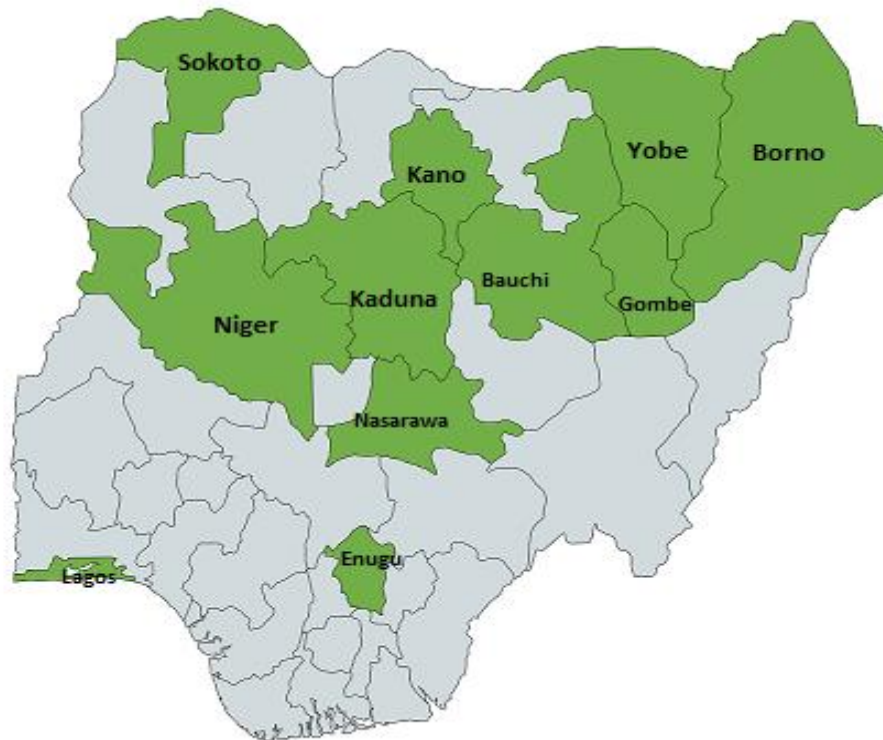


Figure two: A map showing the 11 IntegratE project States (Lagos, Kaduna, Nasarawa, Gombe, kano, Enugu, Niger, Sokoto, Bauchi, Yobe & Borno)

The rationale for the selection of the project locations on the project were:

- **High disease burden/advocacy issue States**-such as Niger & Nasarawa;
- **Responsive States**-Lagos and Bauchi; and

- **BMGF high investment States-** such as Kaduna State.

1.1 Overview of the IntegratE Project

Table one: Overview of the IntegratE Project

Project title	Increasing service delivery for contraceptive mix and primary health care
Donor Agency	The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
Consortium Lead	Society for Family Health (SFH)
Other Consortium Partners	PSNF, Pop C, Nivi & AnImpact
Advocacy thematic areas	Work Stream A creating Enabling Environment
Duration	October 2021- September 2025 (5 years)
Project Locations	Lagos Kaduna, Nasarawa, Kano, Gombe, Enugu, Niger, Bauchi, Sokoto, Yobe and Borno.

Source: The IntegratE Project Document

2.0 PSNF IntegratE: PROJECT OVERVIEW (2021-2025)

The Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria Foundation (PSNF) commenced the implementation of the IntegratE project from **December 2021** with the inception phase work plan and budget development meetings. The key Staff was recruited and commenced project implementation on the **1st December 2021** using the **PSN National Building (Pharmacy House) Gudu, Abuja**, as the project office.

2.1 PSNF IntegratE 2021-2022 Staffing Plan

The composition of the team during the 2021-2022 implementation year is presented in the table below:

Table two: Composition of PSNF Team in 2021-2022

S/N	NAME OF OFFICER	DESIGNATION
1.	Pharm.(Prof.) Cyril Usifoh FPSN	Chief Executive Officer
2.	Pharm. Munir Elelu FPSN	Program Director
3.	Pharm. (Mrs.) Ijeoma Nwankwo	Senior Program Officer
4.	Dr. Chidi Lawrence Agbanye	Program Officer
5.	Dr. Faith Eromon	Monitoring & Evaluation Officer
6.	Mr. Olafusi Samuel Olasehinde	Senior Finance & Admin Officer

7.	Miss. Sunkanmi Omotayo	Finance & Admin Assistant
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Source: PSNF IntegratE Staff Records

2.2 Overview of Conducted PSNF IntegratE 2021-2022 Program Activities

The table below gives a brief synopsis of key activities, successes recorded and milestones achieved during the 2021-2022 implementation of the PSNF IntegratE project.

Table three: PSNF IntegratE Conducted Activities in 2021-2022

<p>The PSNF had an advocacy engagement with Key Stakeholders in Nasarawa State on securing Waiver in December 2021.</p> <p>This process led to obtaining authorization from the State for the seamless implementation of the project in the Nasarawa State.</p>	
<p>In the month of January 2022, the PSNF went on a consultative engagement to visit Key Stakeholders in Kano State on securing waiver.</p> <p>This process led to obtaining authorization from the State for the seamless implementation of the project in the Kano State, thereby allowing the CPs & PPMVs to provide specialized FP and PHC services in the State.</p>	
<p>In January 2022 the PSNF had a Consultative Engagement with then Director, Reproductive Health Division, FMOH on the review of the TSTS policy.</p> <p>This meeting led to a series of process for the review of the TSTS policy to include the CPs & PPMVs</p>	

in the policy as recognized health care providers in Nigeria.

In the month of January 2022, the PSNF had a consultative engagement with Key Stakeholders in Gombe State on securing waiver.

This process led to obtaining waiver from the State for the seamless implementation of the project in the Gombe State, thereby allowing the Community Pharmacists (CPs) and the Patent & Proprietary Medicines Vendors (PPMVs) to provide specialized Family Planning (FP) and Primary Healthcare (PHC) services in the State.



The PSNF team in collaboration with other Implementing Partners supported the FMoH to convene a 5-day stakeholders' meeting for the review of the TSTS policy. The policy review meeting was held from Monday 21st to Friday 25th February 2022.

The first draft of the document was produced at the end of the meeting which was further reviewed in subsequent meetings.

The PSNF on the IntegratE project had a consultative engagement with Key stakeholders in Enugu State.

The team met with the Commissioner and Executive Secretary Enugu State Primary Health Care Development Agency.

The team was able to secure waiver for the implementation of IntegratE project through the private sector (CPs & PPMVs) in Enugu State.



A snap shot of the PSNF & IntegratE teams with the Executive Secretary Enugu State Primary Health Care Development Agency during the advocacy visit.



The PSNF team had a Consensus Building Meeting with the PSNF BoT/ Consultative Engagement with the PSN leadership & PSNF BoT during the PSNF BoT retreat in the month of February 2022.



This meeting led to the resolution of some of the critical challenges of the project team and progress update was also provided to the BoT members by the project team.

In the month of March 2022, the PSNF participated in the Kano State IntegratE inception meeting with stakeholders' (comprising of the Commissioner and traditioner rulers) in Kano meeting.



The waiver for Kano State was presented to the PSNF and IntegratE project at the meeting.

A snapshot of the PSNF team, SFH IntegratE, the then Director of Pharmaceutical services and other Key stakeholders in Kano State.



The PSNF team in the month of March 2022 supported a Five-Day Second Stakeholders meeting for the review of the TSTS policy in collaboration with other partners.

The second draft of the policy and SOP was produced at the end of this meeting.



In the Month of April 2022, the PSNF team also supported a two-day validation meeting of the Revised TSTS Policy & SOP through the IntegratE project.

The final draft for printing was developed at the end of the two day meeting.



In the month of May 2022 the PSNF team was able to obtain waiver from the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria for the implementation of the IntegratE project in the phase 3 States. (Niger, Bauchi, Sokoto, Borno & Yobe)

In the month of May 2022 the PSNF team also began engagement with the National Coordinator National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Programme. (NTBLCP).

Although the TB programme is a closed system, the PSNF team with continuous engagement was able to obtain access and insight into the TB programme.



The PSNF team in the month of June visited the stakeholders in Sokoto State with the aim of obtaining State waivers for the IntegratE project implementation in Sokoto State.



The team was able to secure the needed approval from Sokoto State at the end of the engagement.

The PSNF team in the month of June 2022 visited the stakeholders in Niger State with the aim of obtaining State waivers for the IntegratE project implementation in Niger State.



The team was able to secure the needed approval from Niger State at the end of the engagement.

The PSNF team in the month of July 2022 visited the stakeholders in Bauchi State with the aim of obtaining State waivers for the IntegratE project implementation in Bauchi State.



The team was able to secure the needed approval from Bauchi State at the end of the engagement to allow the CPs & PPMVs provide specialized FP & PHC Services in the State.

As one of the achievements from the previous engagement with the NTBLCP by the PSNF team, the PSNF was invited to participate in the Public Private Mix (PPM) action plan development meeting.



The PSNF contributed tremendously at the meeting and advocated to ensure that the PCN are captured as a major stakeholders in TB programme.

The PSNF team through the IntegratE project in the month of July 2022, also had an engagement with the Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria (ACPN) during their annual conference in Lagos.

During this conference the team was able to sensitize the CPs on the need to improve their participation in public health programmes. The team also engaged the then new registrar of the PCN during the conference about the IntegratE project.



The PSNF Program team also participated in the validation of Service Protocol and Supervisory Checklists for CPs and PPMVs in the month of August 2022.

The PSNF was a major contributor towards the development of the documents during the meeting.



The PSNF team supported the PCN Program Coordinating Department (PCD) to convene a two days meeting with the senior management, State and Zonal Officers of PCN on Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th September 2022.

The team was able to better inform and educate the Top management of PCN to effectively function as regulators on the IntegratE project.



The PSNF under the IntegratE project also participated in the Meeting with Directors of Pharmaceutical Services (DPS) and Provosts of the Schools of Health Technology from Borno, Niger, Yobe Bauchi and Sokoto States.

The meeting took place in September 2022.

The meeting was also used an avenue by the PSNF team to engage the DPSs in the Phase 3 States which facilitated the waiver approval from these States.



Source: PSN IntegratE Program Records

2.3 PSNF IntegratE 2021-2022 Key Achievements

Some of the key achievements of the PSNF IntegratE project in 2021-2022 were:

- **Successful waiver collection.** The PSNF was able to secure waiver from the 9 new IntegratE States (excluding Lagos & Kaduna because they already had waivers from Phase 1) which provided the required enabling environment for the seamless implementation of the IntegratE project by other members of the consortium in these States.
- **Task Shifting Task Sharing (TSTS) Policy & Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) review:** The PSNF commenced the process of the review of the TSTS policy and also supported the FMoH to review policy and SOP in collaboration with other Implementing partners.
- The PSNF team through the IntegratE project was able to sensitize the CPs on the IntegratE project.
- The PSNF team in 2021-2022 project year also strengthened the regulatory capacity of the PCN on the IntegratE project.

3.0 Overview of Conducted PSNF IntegratE 2022-2023 Program Activities

The table below gives a brief synopsis of key activities, successes recorded and milestones achieved during the 2023 implementation of the PSNF IntegratE project.

Table four: PSNF IntegratE Conducted Activities in 2022-2023

<p>As part of the mandate of the PSNF on the IntegratE project to create an enabling environment on the project, the PSNF in October 2022, visited the stakeholders in Borno State with the aim of obtaining State waivers for the IntegratE project implementation in Borno State.</p> <p>Despite the security challenge in that part of Nigeria, the PSNF was able to secure the waiver from Borno State at the end of the engagement to allow the CPs & PPMVs provide specialized FP & PHC Services in the State.</p>	
<p>In the month of October 2022 also, the PSNF also went on a consultative engagement to Yobe State with the aim of securing State waiver and creating an enabling environment for the IntegratE project.</p> <p>Despite the security challenge in that part of Nigeria, the PSNF was able to secure the waiver from Yobe State at the end of the engagement to allow the CPs & PPMVs provide specialized FP & PHC Services in the State.</p>	
<p>In the month of October/November 2022 the PSNF had a consultative engagement of the PSN Council at the PSN National Conference in Jos Plateau State.</p> <p>The team was able to obtain buy-in from the PSN leadership and also enlighten them about the IntegratE project.</p>	

The PSNF in the month of November 2022 attended the 6th Steering committee meeting of the IntegratE project.

Where the team had an educating interaction with other partners on the project.



As an important Stakeholder in policy development process, the PSNF team was invited to the launch of the 3rd Edition of the NSTG in November 2022 at the FMoH secretariat.



In the month of November 2022, the PSNF attended the IntegratE 2.0 Year 2 work plan meeting.

The team was able to participate in the development of workplan for PSNF on the IntegratE.



The PSNF team in the month of November 2022 printed and delivered 1380 copies of TSTS Policy and 380 copies of the SOP successfully to the RH Division of FMoH.



The PSNF team from the 12th to 16th December 2022 supported and attended the AAFP Family Planning conference.

The PSNF supported the conference and held a side session in collaboration with FMoH on the Task Shifting Task Sharing policy.



In the month of January 2023, the PSNF team through the IntegratE project convened a stakeholders' engagement with ACPN in Nasarawa State.

At the end of the engagement, more CPs were recruited into the IntegratE in the State and more CPs were enlightened about the project.



The PSNF attended and supported the self-care review meeting. This meeting was a three days meeting that was held from the 21st to 23rd of March 2023 at the Reiz Continental Hotel in Abuja.

The PSNF through this meeting expanded its advocacy network in the self-care space which would impact positively the self-care components of the IntegratE project.



The PSNF through the IntegratE project supported the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN) to convene a one-day Interactive meeting with NGOs and IPs. The meeting was held on Thursday 6th April 2023 at the Bolton White Hotel Garki, Abuja.

At the end of this meeting, PCN was able to update partners and several partners expressed interest to collaborate with PCN. The PSNF provided technical support to the PCN in order to strengthen its regulatory capacity which is a core part of the PSNF mandate on the project.



The PSNF through the IntegratE project supported the FMOH in collaboration with other partners to launch the TSTS policy, and SOP amongst other reproductive health documents. The event was held on Wednesday 12th April 2023 at Sandralia Hotel, Abuja.

The documents were launched by the Honourable Minister of Health, Dr. Osagie Ehanire, MD, FWACS.

The PSNF supported 12 representatives from the PCN, Directors of Pharmaceutical Services (Kaduna, Gombe, Lagos, Sokoto, Kano), ACPN national Chairman and State Chairmen from Kaduna, Gombe, Sokoto, Niger, Kano, and Enugu States, and representatives from the PSN (National Secretary & Abuja representatives) to attend the policy launch.



The PSNF as the advocacy partner on the IntegratE project attended the Sokoto State IntegratE Inception meeting. This stakeholders' meeting was held on Thursday 13th April 2023 at the Grand Shukurah Hotel, Sokoto State.

The stakeholders' maximum buy-in was obtained for the successful commencement and implementation of the IntegratE project in Sokoto State.



The PSNF as one of the key stakeholders attended the National Public-Private Mix Dots Steering Committee Meeting for the NTBLCP. This meeting was held on Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th April 2023 at Sefcon Suites & Apartments, Gwarimpa, Abuja.

The Programme committed to working with PSNF to engage PCN in improving PPM implementation.



The PSNF as part of expanding its niche and network, on Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th of April 2023 attended the LOC Inauguration/National Health Promotion Forum meeting. The hybrid meeting was held at Royal Continental Hotel, 3 Cape Town Off IBB way, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja.

The PSNF at this meeting advocated for the engagement of Community Pharmacists in SBC materials dissemination at the grassroots level to be implemented through the Pharmaceutical



Society of Nigeria Foundation (PSNF).	

2.3 PSNF IntegratE 2022-2023 Key Achievements

Some of the key achievements of the PSNF IntegratE project in 2022-2023 were:

- **Successful waiver collection.** The PSNF was able to secure waiver from the 9 new IntegratE States (excluding Lagos & Kaduna because they already had waivers from Phase 1) which provided the required enabling environment for the seamless implementation of the IntegratE project by other members of the consortium in these States.
- **Task Shifting Task Sharing (TSTS) Policy & Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) launch:** The PSNF through the IntegratE project on the 12th April 2023, in collaboration with other Implementing Partners, supported FMoH to launch the TSTS Policy and SOP.

3.0 ANNEXURE

3.1 PSNF IntegratE: 2021-2022 List of Information Education & Communications (IEC) Materials Produced

S/N	TITLE OF IEC MATERIALS	DATE PRODUCED
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3.2 PSNF IntegratE: 2021-2022 Media Tracking Report

S/N	NAME OF MEDIA	TITLE OF REPORT	LINK TO THE REPORT	DATE PUBLISHED
1	Kano Focus Newspaper	IntegratE Project Inception Meeting	https://kanofocus.com/2022/03/11/integrate-project-trains-950-private-health-providers-in-kano/	10 th March 2022

3.3 PSNF IntegratE: 2022-2023 Media Tracking Report

S/N	NAME OF MEDIA	TITLE OF REPORT	LINK TO THE REPORT	DATE PUBLISHED
1	Daily Asset Aluta New The reporters online Pharmanews online Daily Trust	TSTS policy Launch (Ehanire inaugurates policy documents to enhance national healthcare)	https://dailyasset.ng/ehanire-inaugurates-policy-documents-to-enhance-national-healthcare/ https://alutanews.ng/2023/04/13/ehanire-inaugurates-policy-documents-to-enhance-national-healthcare/ https://www.thereportersonline.ng/ehanire-inaugurates-policy-documents-to-enhance-	12 th April 2023

			national-healthcare/ https://pharmanewsonline.com/ehanire-inaugurates-policy-documents-to-enhance-national-healthcare-delivery/ https://dailytrust.com/fg-launches-5-policy-documents-to-strengthen-reproductive-health/	
2.	Ashe News Daily	IntegratE Project Inception Meeting	https://ashenewsdaily.com/health-healthy-living/society-for-family-health-partners-unveil-integrate-2-0-in-sokoto/	13 th April 2023