

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

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ACRONYMS

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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.

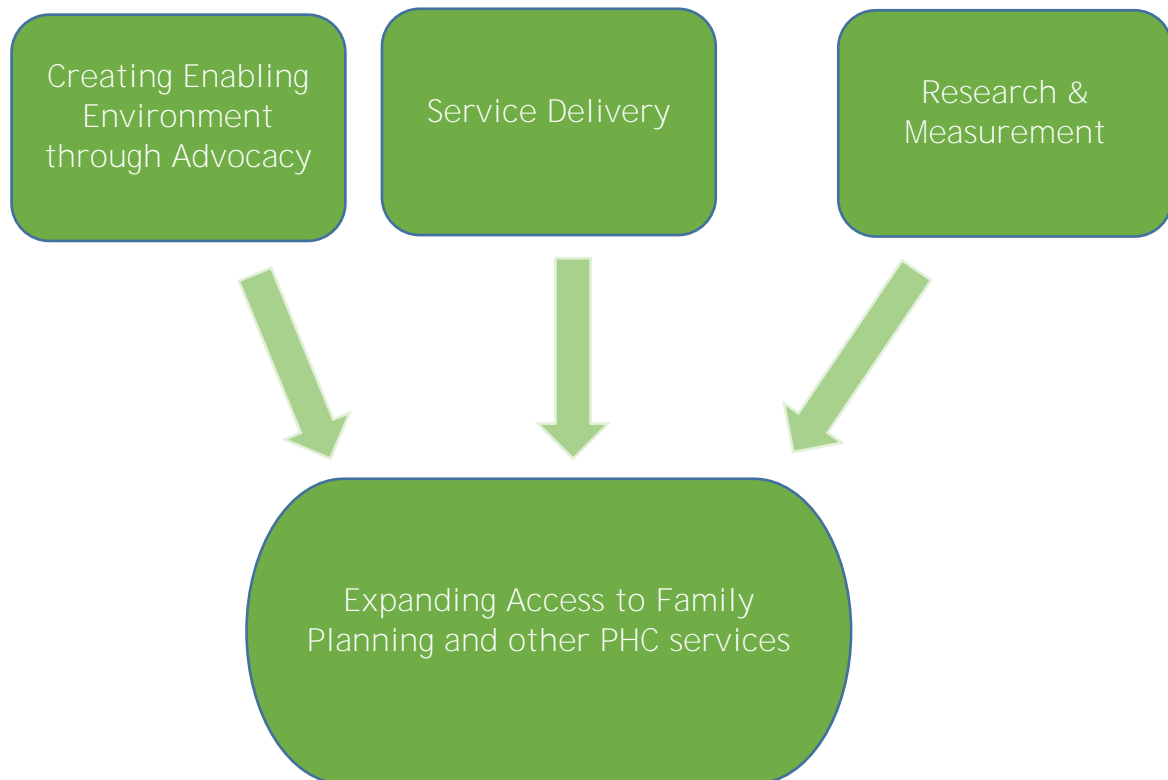
The IntegratE 2.0 investment is designed to address three primary outcomes in a total of 11 states:

- 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)
Project Sum	\$13,056,513.00
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

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>	

In January 2022 the PSNF had a Consultative Engagement with then Director, Reproductive Health Division, FMoH on the review of the TSTS policy. This meeting led to a series of process for the review of the TSTS policy to include the CPs & PPMVs 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.

2.4 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>	

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.

The team was able to obtain buy-in from the PSN leadership and also enlighten them about the IntegratE project.



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).



The PSNF attended the meeting with BMGF Gender equality president. The meeting was held on Thursday, 25th of May 2023 at the BMGF office, Maitama, Abuja.

The meeting had participants from BMGF, SFH, JSI, PSNF, among others, in attendance.

The meeting aimed to provide programmatic updates from all the BMGF-supported partners to the gender equality president.

At the end of the meeting, the different partners provided programmatic updates about their different thematic areas.



The PSNF attended the Community Pharmacist (CP) training Manual finalization meeting organized by PCN and supported by SFH IntegratE. The meeting was held from Wednesday 31st May to Thursday 1st June 2023 at Dennis Hotel Wuse 2, Abuja.

The aim of the meeting was to review the training manual used for the training of CPs on the IntegratE project. PCN, SFH, ACPN, PSNF & The Consultant were the participants at the meeting.

The PSNF also made a presentation on the TSTS policy at the meeting.



The PSNF participated in the review of the MEPTP training manual and slides for PPMVs. The meeting was held from Friday, 2nd to Saturday, 3rd, 2023 at Dennis Hotel, Wuse 2, Abuja.

The objective of the meeting was to review the MEPTP training manual and slides. The meeting was attended by participants from PCN, SFH, PSNF, & The Consultant.

At the end of the two-day meeting, the training manual and slides were reviewed.



The PSNF, through the IntegratE project, convened a consultative engagement with ACPN in Niger State. This meeting was held on Thursday, 15th June 2023 at the Saftec Hotel in Minna, Niger State.

The objectives of the meeting were to sensitize and orient the CPs in Niger State about the IntegratE project and to solicit the commitment of the CPs who are the implementers of the project. The meeting had about 50 participants comprising CPs, PCN Niger, PCN HQ, and the PSNF team, and the objectives of the meeting were met with the CPs sensitized.



The PSNF supported the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN) to convene a one-day sensitization meeting with the Pharmacy Technicians on the pilot 3-TAS of the IntegratE project. The meeting was held on Monday 17th July 2023, at the Bolton White Hotel, Garki, Abuja.

The objectives were to:

1. To engage with the leadership of the Reform Forum of Pharmacy Technicians in Nigeria (RFPTN) on the 3-tier accreditation system (TAS);
2. To enlighten members of the RFPTN on their role in ensuring the pilot TAS project becomes a success; and
3. To gauge their involvement in the pilot project, identify and document their challenges for future intervention.
4. To obtain their commitment to the 3TAS and their participation in Tier 3 of the pilot project.

At the end of the meeting, it was agreed that the RFPTN members in the



IntegratE States would be engaged for effective sensitization.

The PSNF through the IntegratE project convened a consultative engagement with ACPN in Kano State. This meeting was held on Thursday 20th July 2023 at Tahir Guest Palace Hotel Kano, Kano State.

The objectives of the meeting were to sensitize and orient the CPs in Kano State about the IntegratE project and to solicit the commitment of the CPs who are the implementers of the project. The meeting had about 65 participants comprising CPs, PCN Kano, PCN HQ, and PSNF team.

The highly interactive meeting was held successfully and met the set objectives of the meeting, as shown by the results of the meeting evaluation conducted.



The PSNF participated in the Inauguration of the Self-care Coordinating Committee and Self-care Advocacy Network which was held at Reiz Continental Hotel, Central Area, Abuja on July 20th, 2023.

The meeting was attended by participants from FMOH, WRAN, WHO, and PSNF among others.

The objectives of the meeting were to inaugurate the Self-Care Coordinating Committee and the Self-Care Advocacy Network by the FMOH.

Presentation on the Overview of the Self-Care Initiative in Nigeria by the FMOH and the Committee and Network was successfully Inaugurated by the representative of the Permanent Secretary of the FMOH. The PSNF also participated in other self-care activities.





The PSNF participated in the two-day validation of Integrated Supportive Supervisory Visit (ISSV) tools and Checklists meeting. The meeting was held from Thursday, 27th to Friday, 28th July 2023 at the Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja. The meeting was attended by participants from FMOH, JSI, MSION, PCN, PSNF, and SFH, among others. The meeting aimed to validate the developed ISSV tools by the stakeholders. The tools and checklists were presented by the consultant and were reviewed and validated by the stakeholders during the meeting. The next steps from the meeting



were documented for necessary action.

The PSNF attended the FMOH launching of documents in support of Nigeria's FP 2030 goals. The meeting was held on Monday, 31st July 2023 at Rock View Classic Hotel, Wuse 2, Abuja.

The event had the attendance of a wide range of stakeholders from the government and implementing partners.

The two documents (The National FP2030 Agenda: An FP2030 Commitment Execution Strategy & The National Smart Integration Plan for Post-Partum Family Planning) were successfully launched by the FMOH at the event.



The PSNF held a consultative meeting with ACPN members in Sokoto State. The meetings were held on Tuesday, 5th September 2023 at Dankani Guest Palace Hotel, Sokoto State.

The objectives of the meeting were to sensitize the Community Pharmacists on their role as providers on the IntegratE, address challenges and concerns that may ensue, and solicit their support to provide optimum service on the project.

The meeting was attended by about 43 pharmacists from the State, State Ministry of Health, PCN HQ, PSNF, SFH, and PoPC team.

The participants were evaluated using a simple evaluation tool to assess the meeting's relevance and other meeting outcomes. The meeting met its set objectives of sensitizing the CPs about their role and participation in the IntegratE project.



On Tuesday, 12th September 2023, the PSNF supported the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN) to convene a High-level meeting with stakeholders from the pharmaceutical sector. The meeting was convened at the Abuja Continental Hotel (former Sheraton Hotel) Abuja.

The meeting was attended by stakeholders from FMOH, PCN, NAFDAC, NDLEA, The Nigeria Police Force (NPF), PSN (President & National Secretary), PSNF BoT, ACPN National Chairman and State Chairmen (from Borno, Gombe, Kaduna, Kano, & Lagos), Professor from University of Ibadan, SFH & the PSNF project team.

The objectives of the meeting were:

1. To build synergy and partnerships among key government agencies that operate within the pharmaceutical regulatory space;
2. To create awareness of the expanded services Community Pharmacists can provide in line with the National Task Shifting Task Sharing Policy;
3. To establish a platform for the exchange of information on regulatory challenges from all parties.

The meeting objectives were met and with the stakeholders sensitized.



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The participants were evaluated using a simple evaluation tool to assess the meeting's relevance and other meeting outcomes. The CPs in Sokoto state were sensitized and committed to improving their participation in the IntegratE and other public health programs in the State.



On Tuesday, 3rd October 2023, the PSNF, together with other members of the Self-care Advocacy Network, embarked on a courtesy call to the New Director of the Reproductive Health Division of the FMOH at her office.

Stakeholders from FMOH, WHO, JSI, WRAN, ARFH, and others attended the meeting.

The objective of the meeting was to visit the new director and inform her about the Self-care advocacy network and self-care-related activities.

The visit was successful, and the team presented their prayers and asks to the director and the next



steps from the meeting were documented.

The PSNF team participated in the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN) Annual National Scientific Conference, which was held from Monday 30th of October to Friday, 4th November 2023, at the International Conference Center, Gombe State.

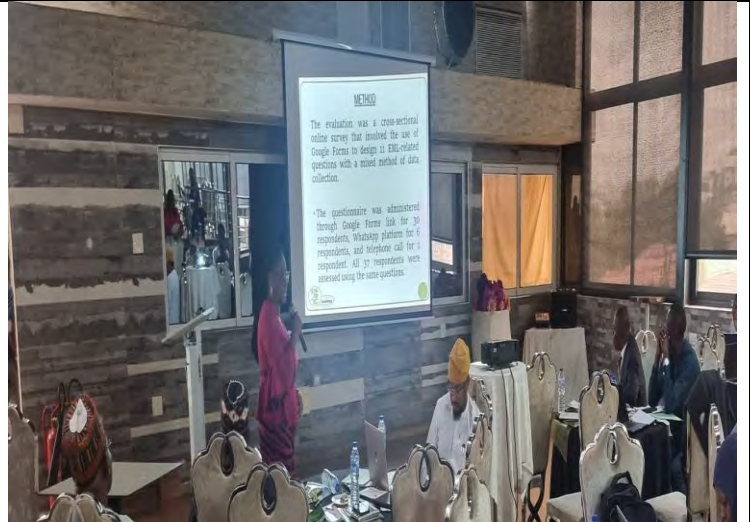
The conference was widely attended by stakeholders both locally and internationally. A memorable highlight was our poster presentation on **“Evidence-Based Advocacy as a Tool for Policy Change: The Task Shifting-Task Sharing Policy in Nigeria”**. A presentation was delivered by the PSNF Program Director to the PSN Council during the Council meeting. A similar presentation was also disseminated during the ACPN Group meeting by the Senior Program Officer.

A large stakeholder was engaged, and visibility was created for the PSNF.

The PSNF also submitted a manuscript on **Assessment of the Knowledge Availability and Use of the Essential Medicines List in the 36 States Plus FCT in Nigeria”**, which was accepted and published in the Nigerian Journal of Pharmacists in 2023.



The PSNF as a key stakeholder working with the FMOH to develop policies and strengthen the policy environment, had the privilege of attending the 2-Day meeting to review the 7th Edition of Nigeria Essential Medicines List 2020 Adult (NEML) / 1st Edition Nigeria Essential Medicines List for Children (NEMLc). The meeting was held on Wednesday 15th to Thursday 16th November 2023 at Wells Carlton Hotel, Asokoro Abuja.



The objective of the meeting was to review the 7th Edition of the NEML and the 1st Edition of the NEMLc.

The meeting was attended by participants from FMOH, EML/NDP review committee members, PSNF, Bharat Serum and Vaccines, and Boehringer, among others.

The PSNF had the opportunity to deliver a presentation on the EML survey conducted on the **“Assessment of the Knowledge Availability and Use of the Essential Medicines List in the 36 States Plus FCT in Nigeria”**. The research was conducted to determine a baseline for the States in the country without a domesticated EML and those whose policies were due for a review in order to get funding support for these States.



The PSNF, as a stakeholder in the fight against TB in Nigeria, attended the 2-day National Consultations on Public-Private Partnership to End TB in Nigeria from Tuesday, 28th, and Wednesday, 29th November 2023 at Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja.

The meeting had key stakeholders from NTBLCP, State TB program managers Anadach Group, IHVN, KNCV, PSNF, WHO, Stop TB partnership program, and Global Fund, among others, in attendance. The objectives of the meeting were as follows;

- To orient partners about the project, and set up the PPM advocacy Team.
- To raise awareness among key stakeholders, including policy makers, healthcare providers, and private sector entities, about the importance of PPM in TB control.
- To build the capacity of team members in PPM advocacy, policy analysis and communication skills.
- To advocate for favourable policies, regulations and incentives to encourage private sector engagement in TB control.
- To facilitate collaboration between the public and private sectors, fostering partnerships that enhance access to TB services and resources.

At the end of the meeting, presentations on TB PPM status, PPM progress in Nigeria, PPM Advocacy, among others, were discussed. The PPM action plan was reviewed. The PSNF actively participated in the meeting.



The PSNF participated in the **National Stakeholders' Consultation** on Post United Nations High-Level Meeting (UNHLM) on TB. The meeting was held on Thursday, 30th November 2023 at the Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja.

The key stakeholders from NTBLCP, State TB program managers, Anadach Group, IHVN, KNCV, PSNF, Stop TB partnership program, Global Fund, and WHO, among others were in attendance.

The overarching objective of the consultation is to develop a comprehensive National roadmap that aligns with the commitments outlined in the Political Declaration. This roadmap will guide the TB program towards increased domestic resource mobilization and sustainable financing towards ending TB in Nigeria.

Presentations were on the following;

- About UNHLM on TB and Highlights from 2023 meeting by Austin Obiefuna, Board Vice-Chair Stop TB Partnership Geneva.
- Political Declaration: Global Targets and Country Share by Sahu Suvanand, Deputy Executive Director, Stop TB Partnership Geneva.
- Key milestones to ending TB in Nigeria by 2030/2035 by Dr. Amos Omoniyi.

A booklet containing the abridged version of The Political Declaration of the UN High-Level Meeting on the fight against tuberculosis was disseminated to all the participants.

The group work at this meeting was on Translating UNHLM



Commitments into Tangible Actions. The PSNF actively participated in Antimicrobial Resistance, Universal Health Care, and Pandemic Preparedness group work at the meeting.

The PSNF convened an engagement meeting with the Gombe State ACPN chapter. The meeting was held at the Custodian Hotel, Gombe, Gombe State, on Tuesday, 12th December 2023.

The meeting was attended by the Permanent Secretary, DPS, and DDPS Gombe State SMOH, PCN, SFH, PSN, YPG, SFH, POPc, and PSNF.

The objectives of the engagement were as follows;

- To sensitize/orient Community Pharmacists (CPs) in Gombe State about the IntegratE project;
- To present updates, progress, and challenges on project implementation;
- To explore the best approaches to maximize project implementation; and
- To solicit the commitments of implementers (Service Providers).

The presentations were made by PSNF, PCN, and SFH, which were all geared towards sensitizing the ACPN about the importance of providing quality services as providers in the project.

A total of about 25 Pharmacists were sensitized and committed to improving their services in the state.



Source: Program update reports

2.5 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.
- Three States ACPN where sensitized to improve their participation.
- Two high level meetings were convened to enlightened pharmaceutical sector regulators and reduce the harassment of CPs providing expanded services.
- The PSNF published a research work in the Nigerian Journal of Pharmacists and also presented a Poster at the PSN Conference.

2.6 Overview of Conducted PSNF IntegratE 2024-2025 Program Activities


The table below gives a brief synopsis of key activities, successes recorded and milestones achieved during the 2024-2025 implementation of the PSNF IntegratE project.

Table five: Composition of PSNF Team in 2024-2025

S/N	NAME OF OFFICER	DESIGNATION
1.	Pharm. Ayuba Tanko Ibrahim FPSN	Chief Executive Officer
2.	Pharm. Munir Elelu FPSN	Team Lead
3.	Pharm. (Mrs.) Ijeoma Nwankwo	Program Manager
4.	Dr. Faith Eromon	Senior Monitoring & Evaluation Officer
5.	Dr. Nseabasi Ekanem	Program Officer
6.	Mr. Olafusi Samuel Olasehinde	Senior Finance & Admin Officer
7.	Mrs. Sunkanmi Omotayo	Finance & Admin Assistant

Source: PSNF IntegratE Staff Records

Table six: PSNF IntegratE Conducted Activities in 2024-2025

<p>As part of the mandate of the PSNF on the IntegratE project to create an enabling environment on the project, the PSNF in January 2024 embarked on a consultative visit to key stakeholders in the Pharma regulatory space. These stakeholders comprised the Nigeria Police Force, NAFDAC, FCCPC, NDLEA, among others</p>	
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The aim was to secure their buy-in and commitment towards attending the planned high-level meeting with these agencies in Lagos State.



The PSNF, through the IntegratE project, supported the PSN in convening a one-day high-level meeting with key stakeholders in the pharmaceutical regulatory space in Lagos State. The meeting was held at the Sheraton Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos, on Thursday, 22nd February 2024.

The aim of the engagement was to educate the pharmaceutical regulators on the expanded roles of the community pharmacists as approved by the TSTS policy. This is geared towards reducing the harassment of CPs, so they can efficiently provide expanded FP and PHCs services they have been trained to provide in a good working environment. These stakeholders were enlightened, and the PSNF created the enabling environment needed by the CPs to provide quality FP and PHC services to clients in the State.



The PSNF went on a consultative visit to the Special Adviser (SA) to the Lagos State Governor on health, Dr. Oluwakemi Ogunyemi, HEFAMAA, and LASHMA offices. These engagements were held on Wednesday, 21st February 2024, at the LSMOH secretariat, HEFAMAA office, and LASHMA offices respectively.

At the end of the visit, the IntegratE project was introduced to the SA, and visibility and buy-in were obtained for the project.



The PSNF embarked on a consultative visit to various stakeholders in Kano State on the Domestication of the Task Shifting Task Sharing (TSTS) Policy. These meetings were held from Monday, 11th to Wednesday, March 2024 at the various offices of the stakeholders in Kano. The stakeholders engaged by the PSNF team were the Kano State Commissioner for Health, the Permanent Secretary KSMoH, some directors of the KSMoH, HMB, PCN, Private Health Institutions Management Agency (PHIMA), and institutions saddled with the responsibility to regulate private health facilities in Kano State, PSN Kano State, ACPN Kano State,



NMA Kano State, NANNM Kano State, and NAPPMED Kano State. These stakeholders were informed about the plans to support the state in the domestication of the Kano State TSTS policy.



The review process for the TSTS domestication spanned from May 2024 to June 2025, and was done in collaboration with WHO, Pathfinder, MSI, Impact Catalyst, to review the policy, develop an SOP, and a Costed Implementation Plan for the state.



At the end of the review, the PSNF supported the printing of 200 copies of the TSTS policy and 200 copies of the SOP, which was handed over to the State on the Friday the 18th of December 2025.

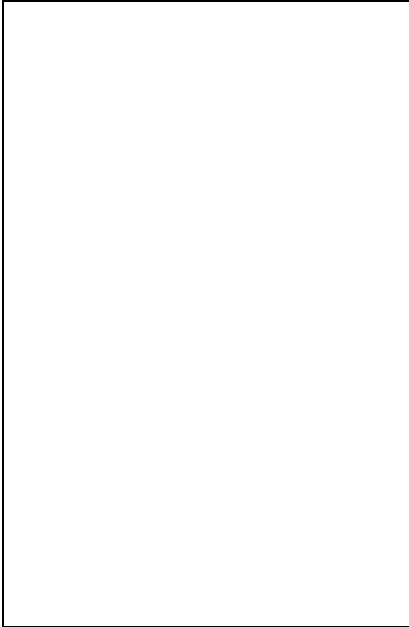


As part of the policy and advocacy mandate of the PSNF, the team supported the review of the DMPA-SC meeting and participated in all the review meetings that happened from May 2024 to June 2024. The PSNF also supported the engagement of one of the consultants in addition to participating in the review meetings.



The PSNF also supported the meeting for the orientation of regulatory bodies and professional associations on self-care. The meeting was held in Lagos state on the 25th and 26th July 2024 at Ibis Hotel, Ikeja Lagos. The stakeholders were oriented and sensitized about the various self-care interventions. The PSNF also supported some stakeholders from PCN and ACPN to attend the meeting. The PSNF also participated in the health walk and press briefing in celebration of the National Self-care month in July 2025.





The PSNF supported the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN) to convene a one-day sensitization meeting with Pharmacy Technicians on the pilot 3-TAS for PPMVs in Kano and Kaduna States. The meeting was held on Monday, 24th June 2024 at Tahir Guest Palace Hotel, Kano, Kano State. This meeting was also convened in Borno on the 15th of July 2024 at Amada Hotel, Maiduguri.



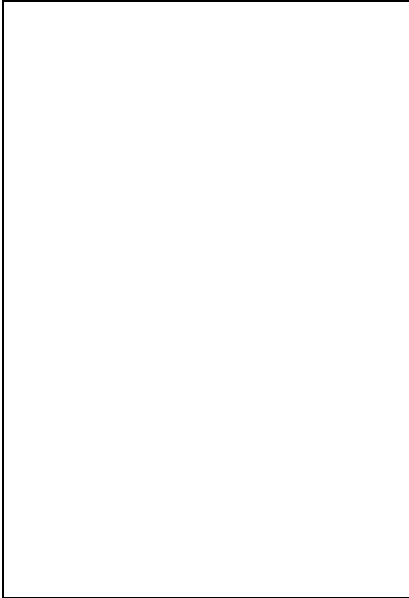
The meeting aimed to sensitize the Pharmacy Technicians about their role as tier-3 PPMVs on the integratE project in order to increase their number as service providers in the community.



The PSNF also supported the PCN to develop a 3-Tier Accreditation System regulatory framework. The first stakeholders meeting was held from the 29th to 30th of July 2024 and the validation was held in 2025 in Abuja Nigeria and the validation meeting held on the 28th of October 2024.



The document was developed for the PCN to have a standardized tool for the regulation of the PPMVs in the expanded services they provide.



The PSNF supported the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN) in convening a one-day Interactive meeting with Funders/NGOs/Implementing Partners. A total of two meetings were held between July 2024 and October 2025 for the PCN. During these meetings, patterns had the opportunity to interact with the PCN and establish areas of possible



collaboration with the PCN as the regulators of the private sector CPs and PPMVs.



The PSNF supported Lagos State in reviewing the TSTS policy. The process commenced in 2024 with a consultative visit to the DPS, Director HPRS, Director of Nursing Services, FP Manager Family Health and Nutrition department all from LSMOH, Zonal Director PCN, DPS LSPHCB and the Program Manager and her team, dKT International. This was followed by a planning meeting, first **and second stakeholders'** meetings, validation meetings, and a launch and dissemination meeting in December 2025. The document was successfully reviewed to reflect current realities in the state, and a total of



200 copies of the policy were printed and delivered to the State.





The PSNF supported the Kaduna State Ministry of Health for the domestication of their TSTS policy. This document review started with a planning meeting in January 2025 and then a first stakeholder meeting and a CIP meeting which was co-supported by Pathfinder International and WHO. All the stakeholders and government agencies were represented during



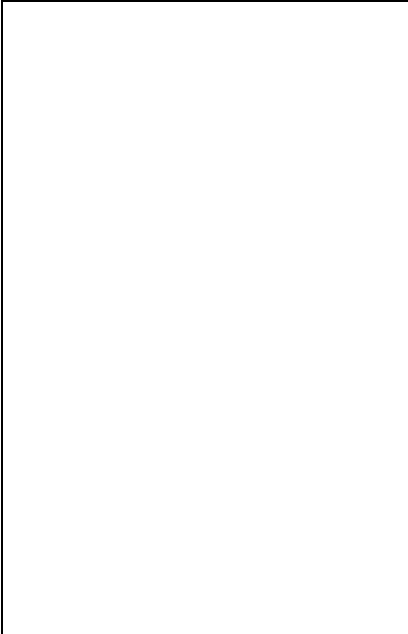
the review meetings. At the end of the review processes the PSNF supported the printing and the document was launched during the 13th Kaduna State Council on Health by the Honourable Commissioner, Hajiya K. Ahmed.

The PSNF supported the printing of 250 copies of the TSTS Policy and 250 copies of the SOP and delivered them to the Kaduna State Ministry of Health.



The PSNF had a series of engagements with Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA) on the Provision of FP Services Via CPs & PPMVs. The meetings began in April 2024, and the PSNF convened a one-day stakeholder meeting in February 2025 to establish a relationship between the PSNF, HEFAMAA and PCN in its policy and advocacy effort for the private sector (CPs and PPMVs) inclusion in FP service provision and onboarding of these providers to the Scheme in Lagos State.





The PSNF from 2023 and 2025 engaged the community pharmacists in Niger, Sokoto, Kano, Lagos, Bauchi, Borno, Yobe, and Nasarawa States to sensitize them about their optimum participation in the IntegratE project.





The PSNF had the privilege of attending and participating in the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP). The conference was held from Saturday, 1st November to Thursday, 6th November 2025, at the Agora Convention Center, Bogota, Colombia.

The conference, themed **“Equity through Action: Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All,”** was attended by a vast array of delegates from various countries across America, Africa, Europe, Asia, and even Australia. The PSNF was privileged to be part of the delegation from Nigeria.



The international conference provided an opportunity for stakeholders in the family planning sector to present their work, share knowledge, and exchange recommendations for advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights for all.

The PSNF abstract was accepted and made a flash presentation, during the conference on **“Evidence-Based Advocacy as a tool for policy change: Integrate project experience in supporting the revision of the Task Shifting Task Sharing Policy in Nigeria.”**

The PSN Foundation also attended various sessions involving the private sector. One of such sessions was a Lunch roundtable program implementation meeting on Financing Family Planning: Unlocking Domestic Resources & Optimizing Public Health Financial Management during the conference.





The PSN Foundation participated in the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN) 98th Annual Scientific Conference. The conference was held at the Convention Hall, Bayero University, Kano (New-site), Kano State, from Monday, 3rd to Saturday, 8th November 2025.



The conference was well attended by local and international pharmacists and other stakeholders, and friends of pharmacy. The objectives of the **PSNF's attendance were** to engage a large audience of pharmacists as part of its advocacy efforts, disseminate project achievements, and create visibility for the project and the PSN Foundation.



The PSN Foundation Team Lead presented the **projects' achievements**, engaged a large audience of pharmacists, and

created visibility for the IntegratE project and the PSN Foundation.	
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Source: Program Update Reports

2.7 PSNF IntegratE 2024-2025 Key Achievements

Some of the key achievements of the PSNF IntegratE project in 2024-2025 were:

- Successfully supported PCN to convene two IPs meetings.
- **Supported the development of the PCN's 3-TAS** framework for regulating PPMVs.
- Task Shifting Task Sharing (TSTS) Policy & Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) were developed, printed, and launched for Kaduna, Kano, and Lagos States.
- Supported and participated in self-care coordination meetings.
- Supported the PCN to convene two sensitization meetings for the Pharmacy Technicians at the National and selected project states.
- Engaged Community Pharmacists in the project states to optimize their participation in the integratE project in Bauchi, Borno, Kano, Sokoto, Gombe, Yobe, Nasarawa, and Niger States.
- Supported the review of the DMPASC-SI documents.
- Abstract was accepted at the ICFP, which was presented as a flash presentation at the ICFP in Bogota Columbia 2025.

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

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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-national-healthcare/	12 th April 2023

			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