



State-Supported Health Insurance **Research & Results Day**

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Welcome

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We are very pleased to welcome you to the Kwara State Health Insurance: Research & Results Day. The aim of the event is to enable experts from the private sector, academia, government, non-governmental organisations and donors as well as local communities to discuss the research and lessons learned from the Kwara State health insurance program and their implications for capacity building and the delivery of affordable and quality health care for low-income people in Nigeria.

Since 2007, Kwara State, Hygeia Community Health Care, Health Insurance Fund and PharmAccess have been working to improve access to quality primary health care. Both public and private primary health centers and hospitals are involved in the provision of health care. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has described this partnership as groundbreaking and innovative.

An impact evaluation carried out by University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Amsterdam Institute

of Global Health and Development, Amsterdam Institute of International Development and Brookings Institution (USA) shows a reduction in healthcare costs and an improvement in health outcomes for participants of the health insurance program. More than 50 publications and peer-reviewed papers have been published in internationally renowned journals. Many of these researchers and implementation partners are present at this conference.

Today we are proud to present the report *The Impact of Access to Quality Healthcare in Africa: Research findings on Health Insurance Fund supported programs*. This compendium report is a reflection of the continuous interaction between project implementation, evidence-based analyses, subsequent project improvements and impact assessment.

We look forward to a fruitful and pleasant interaction.

Kind regards,

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Introduction

A closer look at the Kwara State health insurance program

Since 2007, Kwara State Government, Hygeia Community Health Care, Health Insurance Fund and PharmAccess, with the support of the Dutch Government have been implementing a state health insurance program to provide access to affordable and quality health care for people in rural Kwara. The services include primary health care, maternal and child health care and treatment for chronic diseases, malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS opportunistic infections. Currently, over 110,000 people are enrolled in the program.

The Kwara State health insurance program has an integrated approach of addressing the demand for and supply of health care. By introducing standards, the program has been able to reduce risk and increase trust in the health system, which leads to an upward spiral of higher quality health care, more people willing to pre-pay for health insurance and steady revenues for healthcare providers. With increased revenues, leveraged by State and donor funding, local capacity and infrastructure for healthcare is being developed.

The Kwara State health insurance program is a public-private partnership, which the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has described as ground-breaking and innovative. Both public and private primary healthcare centers and hospitals are involved in the provision of health care. Currently, the Kwara State government pays about 70% of the health insurance premium subsidy. Hygeia Community Health Care administers the health insurance program. Investments have been made in administrative infrastructure to ensure transparency, accountability, efficient business practices and quality control in the health system.

Another unique element of the Kwara State health insurance program is the research component.

Rigorous bio-medical and socio-economic impact evaluations are conducted by the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Amsterdam Institute of Global Health and Development and Amsterdam Institute of International Development to continuously measure the impact of the program and stimulate effective implementation. The impact evaluation has shown that there is increased healthcare utilization, reduced out-of-pocket payments and improved health outcomes among participants of the health insurance program. Also, research is conducted into the cost-effectiveness of maternal health care and the prevention of cardiovascular diseases as well as households' financial diaries to understand how liquidity or solvability constraints affect people's ability to enroll in health insurance or renew their membership. The research partnership has resulted in significant research capacity building. More than 50 publications and peer-reviewed papers have been published in internationally renowned journals.

Objective

The Kwara State health insurance program has evolved into a model recognized by the Government of Nigeria as per the resolution of the National Council of Health memo in March 2015. The Kwara program fulfills the aspirations of Nigeria to achieve universal health coverage and the need for States to adopt and implement the state-supported health insurance schemes.

The State-Supported Health Insurance Research and Results Day provides an opportunity for experts from the private sector, academia, government, non-government organizations and donors as well as local communities to discuss the research and lessons learned of the Kwara State health insurance program and their implications for capacity building and the delivery of affordable and quality health care in Nigeria.

The State-Supported Health Insurance: Research & Results Day aims to address the following issues:

- Research and lessons learned of the Kwara State health insurance program
- Strategies for improving local research capacity in health financing and delivery of care
- Strategies and options for mobilizing resources for state-supported health insurance program
- Innovative partnerships for research, advocacy and program development of state-supported health insurance

The Kwara State health insurance program has received international awards and recognitions:

- Saving Lives at Birth's 2014 People's Choice Award for innovative approaches in scaling up maternal and child health care (USAID, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, UKaid, NORAD and Grand Challenges Canada)
- Finalist of OECD's 2014 Development Assistance Committee Prize for Taking Development Innovation to Scale
- World Economic Forum 2014 - Model for Leapfrogging Health Systems
- At the Governors' Forum in May 2011, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon described it as an "innovative and ground-breaking partnership to be replicated in Nigeria and elsewhere in Africa"



38 healthcare facilities are participating in the Kwara program

4 health posts **21** public facilities **13** private facilities for primary and secondary care

**Current
enrollees**



110,000
enrollees



40%
children



38%
women



22%
men

**Utilization
since start
of program**



736,911
patient visits



126,757
maternal
related cases
15,301
deliveries
111,456
ANC/pregnancy
related



172,973
malaria cases



136,613
hypertension
and diabetes



26,626
HIV tests

Agenda

8.20 - 9.20 **Arrival of participants**

9.20 - 9.30 **Welcome & Opening**

Prof Akin Osibogun, Lagos University Teaching Hospital

9.30 - 10.30 **Keynote Speeches**

- *Mrs. Fola Laoye, Hygeia Group*
- *Mr. Taco Westerhuis, Royal Netherlands Embassy*
- *Dr. Oluwale Odutolu, The World Bank*
- *Mr. Femi Akingbade, Ag. ES/CEO NHIS*
- *H.E. Mrs. Toyin Saraki, Wife of Senate President & Founder of The Well Being Foundation Africa*
- *His Royal Highness, Emir of Shonga, Dr. Haliru Yahaya*
- *Guest of Honour: His Excellency, Dr. Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed, Executive Governor of Kwara State*

10.30 - 11.30 **An overview of the Kwara State Health Insurance program**

- 10.30 - 10.45 A paradigm shift in the financing and delivery of quality health care for low-income people: the case of Kwara State health insurance program
Dr. Kwasi Boahene, PharmAccess
- 10.45 - 11.00 Lessons learned and critical factors for the success of Kwara State Health Insurance program
Dr. Peju Adenusi, Hygeia Community Health Care
- 11.00 - 11.15 Investing in healthcare quality and health insurance: a healthcare provider's perspective
Dr. J.K. Agbede, MD, Ogo Oluwa Hospital
- 11.15 - 11.30 Questions & Answers

11.30 - 11.45 **Tea break**

11.45 - 13.15 **The impact of the Kwara State health insurance program**

- 11.45 - 11.55 Introduction to the research in Kwara State
Prof T.M. Akande, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital
- 11.55 - 12.10 Healthcare utilization and out-pocket expenditures
Prof Jacques van der Gaag, Amsterdam Institute of International Development
- 12.10 - 12.25 Impact and cost-effectiveness of maternal care
Daniëlla Brals, MSc, Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development
- 12.25 - 12.40 Under-five health and mortality in Kwara State
Dr. Deji Aderibigbe, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital

12.40 - 13.15	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Discussants: <i>Mrs. Fola Laoye (Hygeia), Mr. Femi Akingbade (CEO-NHIS), Dr. Oluwole Odutolu (World Bank), Prof T.M. Akande (UITH), Prof Jacques van der Gaag (AIID), Dr. F.W. Bello (CCM) and Alhaji Abdulrasaq Abdulsalam (Kwara State CHIS)</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Alexander Kohnstamm (PharmAccess)</i></p>
13.15 - 14.15	Lunch
14.15 - 14.45	Costing and impact of healthcare interventions for chronic diseases
14.15 - 14.30	<p>Impact and costing of cardiovascular disease treatment</p> <p><i>Dr. Constance Schultz, Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development</i></p>
14.30 - 14.45	Questions & Answers
14.45 - 15.30	Why do people enrol in health insurance?
14.45 - 15.00	<p>How do solvability, liquidity and health shocks influence (re)-enrollment in health insurance?</p> <p><i>Dr. Kayode Osagbemi, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital</i></p>
15.00 - 15.30	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Discussants: <i>Dr. Jonathan Eke (NHIS), Dr. Ritgak Dimka (World Bank), Dr. Ibrahim Kana (Federal Ministry of Health, Lead SOML); Dr. Kayode Osagbemi (UITH), Prof Jacques van der Gaag (AIID), Alhaji Ayinla (Permanent Secretary, Kwara State Ministry of Health) and Dr. Ayodeji Ajiboye (PharmAccess-Nigeria)</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Dr. Olumide Okonula, IFC</i></p>
15.30 - 15.45	Tea break
15.45 - 17.00	Research methodology
15.45-16.00	<p>Quasi-experimental research design for impact evaluations</p> <p><i>Prof Jacques van der Gaag, Amsterdam Institute of International Development</i></p>
16.00 - 16.30	<p>Collection and analysis of panel data on health outcomes</p> <p><i>Dr. Deji Aderibigbe and Dr. Femi Odusola, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital</i></p>
16.30 - 16.45	<p>Financial and health diaries vs household surveys</p> <p><i>Marijn van der List, MSc, Amsterdam Institute of International Development</i></p>
16.45 - 17.00	Questions & Answers
17.00	Closing



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