

E-Health Initiatives in Nigeria

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National Strategic Health Development Plan (NSHDP)

- Nigeria has just developed the NSHDP with the vision and mission:
- To reduce the morbidity and mortality rates due to communicable diseases to the barest minimum; reverse the increasing prevalence of non-communicable diseases; meet global targets on the elimination and eradication of diseases; and significantly increase the life expectancy and quality of life of Nigerians
- To develop and implement appropriate policies and programmes as well as undertake other necessary actions that will strengthen the National Health System to be able to deliver effective, quality and affordable health

NSHDP Priority Areas

- Leadership and Governance
- Health Service delivery
- Human resource for health
- Financing for Health
- Health Information System
- Community participation and Ownership
- Partnership for Health
- Research for Health



Why e-Health

- Nigeria is planning to use e-Health as a tool - a solution that could improve health systems; facilitate equitable access to health care services; i.e. achieve the objectives of the NSHDP.





HOW: Government Efforts

- Organized National Conference on ICT in Health held in December 2011 came up with a decision to develop policy and strategy for implementing e-health in Nigeria
- Adoption of DHIS as a national tool for reporting aggregate data from the lowest to the highest level
 - In this regard, the Ministry, with major stakeholders, is working towards developing a harmonized and integrated Data-warehouse for the Nigerian health sector. That is, National Health Information System



HOW: Government Efforts: Continues....

- Support from the USG to implement and integrate an HIV/AIDS database into the NHMIS
- USG support to develop and integrate PMM into NHMIS
- FMOH in collaboration with the USG to evolve e-Health Strategy /Policy by supporting the FMOH/USG to attend the e-Health Conference in Kenya to take lessons
- USG efforts to support the FMOH in the areas ownership and sustainability of Health systems



Infrastructure / Policy Guidelines

- Establishment of National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) to provide policy framework and guidelines for deploying ICT in Nigeria
- Creation of Galaxy Backbone Plc. to provide Networking (WAN and LAN) for all Federal MDAs
- Creation of a new Ministry of Communication Technology to supervise the activities of all ICT Agencies



National e-Health Data/ Documentation Centre

- FMOH has established a national e-Health data/ Documentation Centre. This was established to provide a central coordination for National health data/ information warehousing and management. It is hosting databases for all health programs in the Ministry. The administrative/routine health data from all health institutions are to be captured on-line, synthesized, refined, analyzed and made accessible to stakeholders through installation of appropriate IT solutions.
- Micro-data of household and health facility surveys are being inventoried, documented and published via the web from the data centre.

Telemedicine Projects

- Under the African Union Initiative, a Telemedicine Project is being supported by a Indian Government with the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan as Regional Focal Centre and Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH) as a National Centre. These Hospitals are connected to other Hospitals in Africa for the telemedicine and medical e-learning programmes.



Next Steps

- High level advocacy towards developing e-health strategy/policy
- Consensus building stakeholders workshop
- Develop actions plans
- Validate action plans by stakeholders
- Use action plans to develop e-health strategic plan/policy



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Thank You

