

PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA & CONTRIBUTIONS TO IMMUNIZATIONS IN NIGERIA

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PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA

BACKGROUND OF YOUR SOCIETY

- PAN is a professional body that had been in existence for the past 49 years and shall celebrate her golden jubilee in January 2019. Within these years, PAN has shown great commitment to the care of the Nigerian child irrespective of gender, ethnicity, religion and economic status.
- PAN comprises of specialists in the different fields of paediatrics and child health working all over the country and are involved in research, training and service for the benefit of the Nigerian child.
- Currently the number of paediatricians in PAN email platform is 877 and these comprise both active working & retired paediatricians.

HOW IS THE SOCIETY ORGANIZED

- PAN has a nine member Executive at the national level led by the President and the Secretariat led by the National Secretary but domiciled in the State of the President who has two terms in office. The President-elect (Vice president) stand in to take over as the president after the two year expiration of the president. Paediatricians are all over the country working on immunization by giving advice and support to the health institutions and Government at both Local, State and Federal levels.
- There are no State chapters of PAN.

ROLE OF PAN IN NIGERIA

1. Provision of guidelines/protocols for the management of common childhood diseases.
2. Management and treatment of paediatric cases especially tropical cases (outpatient/in patient).
3. Teaching of paediatrics to undergraduate/postgraduates students and other health care professionals in both Universities and Teaching Hospitals.

ROLE OF PAN IN NIGERIA Contd

4. Teaching and monitoring vaccination processes and procedures to health care providers and influencers on how to administer vaccine
5. Impacting clinical skills to younger doctors, nurses and other allied health professionals who are interested in paediatric practice.
6. Advocacy and sensitization on prevention of both communicable and non-communicable paediatric diseases to central, regional & local government officials.

IMMUNIZATION ADVOCACY – KEY PRIORITY AREAS OF PAN

- High level advocacy to the President, State Government & Legislators on adequate funding of routine immunization through dedicated funding.
- Advocacy for a sustainable financing mechanism post-GAVI transition, as well as for judicious use of available resources and enforcement of accountability in financial and resources management.
- Tracking of vaccines and supplies management to ensure the safety of vaccines.
- Polio eradication processes and support to the NPHCDA and SPHCDA
- Capacity building for health workers and influencers.
 - Routine immunization coverage through training health workers
 - Increasing number of health workers on immunization

CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF PAN (*Activities that are funded through the CDC-AAP partnerships*)

- AAP/PAN Project on Immunization Advocacy which is currently in Phase 3
- Saving 100K Babies Initiatives funded by AAP
- MNCH2
- USAID – Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health {(RMNCH) Project.
- USAID – Maternal & Child Survival Programmes) (JHPIEGO – Essential Newborn Care Course (ENCC) – The aim is to reduce maternal & new born morbidity and mortality)}
- NPHCDA – provision of operational & technical support as well as supervise, monitor and render consultancy services on immunization all over the country.

AAP/PAN Project on Immunization Advocacy- Phase 3

AIMS

- To take immunization advocacy to stakeholders at the national level in view to improving vaccine financing & other issues hence the current workshop
- Consolidating on the activities of Phases 1 & 2 by training over 300 paediatricians via an online training as well as strengthening the works of immunization champions at the State level through concerted collaboration, monitoring and evaluation methods.

SOCIETY IMMUNIZATION STRUCTURE

- Organisation of PAN around immunization
 - **Routinely, paediatricians across the country give technical support to immunization programmes in health institutions, State and Local Government.**
- Provision of on-going immunization recommendations
 - **PAN also provide on-going immunization recommendations as well as deals with issues on vaccine hesitancy through press conferences, engagement of the media and other means to achieve immunization coverage.**
 - **Most tertiary health institutions in Nigeria have paediatricians with great interest and subspecialty qualifications on immunization. These give technical and operational support to immunization programmes in the health institutions and the States.**

IMMUNIZATION PARTNERSHIPS

- PAN & National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups (NITAGs)
- Nigeria Immunization Technical advisory Groups (NIG-TAG) was inaugurated on 17th August 2015 in Nigeria with the aim to provide independent, bias free, objective and evidence-based advice on vaccines and immunization challenges in the country. It is a valuable tool for sustainable, evidence-based informed immunization policies in Nigeria.
- It constitute a 15 member working group of which three (3) are members of PAN namely Drs Dorothy Esangbedo (immediate past President of UNAPSA), Adebisi Olowu (former president of PAN) and Beckie Tagbo (one of PAN's Immunization Champions).
- PAN has an Advisory Committee on Immunization that work in collaboration with the NIG-TAG where Dr Tagbo has been the Secretary from 2010 till date.

IMMUNIZATION PARTNERSHIPS Contd

- Partnership with the MOH
- **PAN provides technical, operational and advocacy support to MoH ie immunization advocacy, supervision, activities on immunization week, etc**
- **Members of technical Working Committee of the Federal Ministry of Health on Common Child Health issues**

- Partnerships with academia
- **PAN/ SOGON partnership on Maternal & Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR)**
- **Nigeria Medical Association**

IMMUNIZATION PARTNERSHIPS Contd

- Partnerships with other CSOs
- **Expanded Civil Society on Immunization Initiative (ESCII)**
- **Innovative partnership for Private Sector Investment in Reproductive, Maternal Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) in Nigeria under the Future Assured Programme of the wife of the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria**
- Partnerships with WHO, UNICEF
- **Technical support to WHO and UNICEF activities in Nigeria**

PAN EXECUTIVE ON ADVOCACY VISIT TO THE CHAIRMAN SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA



PAN AND NPHCDA COLLABORATION DURING THE 2018 WORLD/ AFRICAN IMMUNIZATION WEEK PROGRAMMES



2018 AFRICAN IMMUNIZATION WEEK WALK



PAN MEMBERS MONITORING AND SUPERVISING THE 2018 MEASLES VACCINATION CAMPAIGN



ADVOCACY VISIT TO THE COUNTRY DIRECTORS – JHPIEGO & WHO



PAN with Country Director of JHPIEGO



Dr Andrew Mbewe representing WHO Country Director during an Advocacy/ Courtesy Visit by PAN Executive

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRES AT STATE LEVEL





THANK YOU!!