

Project Title: STOCK-TAKING STUDY OF THE BUDGETING PROCESS OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Client –
Results for
Development
(R4D)/Federal Ministry
of Health

Service Areas–
Research and
Evaluation/
Health Financing and
Economic Reviews

Area of Focus –
Evaluation of the
budgeting processes of
the Federal Ministry of
Health (FMOH)

Project Year –
2017

Geographic Scope –
FCT, Nigeria

Overview

Over the last several years, the Government of Nigeria has developed policies and initiatives aimed at improving health outcomes for all Nigerians including the National Health ACT, 2014 and the National Health Policy, 2016. The Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) has over the years, faced challenges in using available funding to enact these policies. Some of these challenges are external - such as insufficient allocations of financial resources and delays in the receipt of funding while others are internal including the inability to link strategic priorities/policies to its year-over-year budgets largely due to its inadequate capacity across budget development, execution, and implementation. To determine bottlenecks with the budgeting process within the Federal Ministry of Health, HSCL in collaboration with Results for Development conducted a budget study.



Project Goal

This study aimed to determine the root causes of sub-optimal budget process outcomes by the Federal Ministry of Health and recommend solutions to address identified challenges and bottlenecks

Objectives

Specific objectives of the study included:

- To identify current mechanisms for budget development, execution and monitoring by the Federal Ministry of Health
- To identify key challenges and bottlenecks across the budgeting process
- To proffer recommendations on improving the efficiency of the budgeting process based on identified challenges and bottlenecks
- To provide considerations to the Federal Ministry of Health on how they might go about implementing those recommendations

Related Activities-

- Desk review of documents relevant to the study.
- Design of methodology and development of study tools
- Primary data collection
- Analyzing primary data and;
- Development of a final report on findings for the client