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FOREWORD

The Millennium Declaration of 2000, and the resulting Millennium Development Goals of 2001, represent a concerted effort by the 191 member countries of the United Nations to focus attention, resources, and action on improving the well-being of all peoples. The eight millennium goals target the elimination of poverty, reduction of malnutrition, the raising of education levels, reduction of mortality, improvement of health and the environment, and assistance and protection to those who face discrimination or suffer disproportionately from natural disasters, armed conflict and other humanitarian emergencies. MDGs 4 & 5 were set to reduce the childhood mortality rate and maternal mortality ratio, by two-thirds and three quarters respectively between 1990 and 2015. Given the low reduction in childhood and maternal mortality during the past decade in Nigeria, it is clear that the decline in mortality must accelerate substantially in the period to 2015, if the country is to reach these goals.

It is against this background that this high profile initiative was put together by the Federal Ministry of Health to articulate Nigeria's comprehensive actions to fast track the achievement of the 4th and 5th Millennium Development Goals and contribute towards achieving MDGs 1, 6 and 7.

This integrated strategic document developed to provide guidance and motivation to the different levels of government to develop more in-dept operational/implementation plans for Maternal Newborn and Child Health, is the first step in this process.

It represents the articulation of the bold and new thinking on fast tracking comprehensive actions to change the course of maternal, and child health in the country and proposes a new way of thinking, resourcing and putting to action a minimum range of evidence-based, high impact interventions that have been proven to work. It is developed within the framework of the national health sector reform and in the context of the National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEED)) It also articulates the need for the formation of a Nigeria partnership for MNCH as a first step towards institutionalization of the global partnership to which Nigeria is a signatory.

The strategy will be implemented in three phases of three years each, to benchmark progress towards the 2015 MDGs deadline. The initial phase 2007-2009, will bring the selection of evidence-based interventions to realistic effective coverage. Phase two and three will reinforce the removal of bottlenecks, exploring opportunities to increase effective coverage to meet the MDGs. It thus presents

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a decision framework for the country and for each state to spell out clearly the level of investment they are willing to commit for acceleration towards achieving the MDGs goals in the states and the country at large. It also provides a commitment framework to guide development partners in their investment, throughout the three phases of implementation.

Successful implementation of this strategy will depend on sustained commitment of the different levels of governments, the private sector and all partners to invest in maternal, newborn and child health.

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ARV	Antiretroviral
CHEW	Community Health Extension Workers
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DCDPA	Department of Community Development & Population Activities
DFID	U.K Department for International Development
DFDS	Department of Food & Drug Services
DHPR	Department of Health Planning and Research
DHS	Department of Hospital Services
DOH	Department of Health (LGA)
DRG	Debt Relief Gains
DPRS	Department of Policy, Research and Statistics
DPHDC	Department of Public Health & Disease Control
DPRSP	Directorate of Public Service Reform Programme
EBHIS	Evidence-Based Health Information System
EPI	Expanded Programme on Immunization
FMOH	Federal Ministry of Health
HSRP	Health Sector Reform Program
HSCAP	Health Sector Change Agent Programme
HIV	Human Acquired Immunodeficiency Virus
HSR	Health Sector Reform Programme
IMCI	Integrated Management of Childhood Illness
LGA	Local Government Area
LGHD	Local Government Health Department
LLITN	Long lasting Insecticide Treated Nets
MBB	Marginal Budgeting for Bottleneck
MICs	Multiple Indicator cluster Survey
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
NACA	National Action Committee on AIDS
NAFDAC	National Agency for Food & Drug Administration & Control
NASCAP	National AIDS and STI Control Programme
NEEDS	Nigeria Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy

Acronyms & Abbreviations

NGO	Non Government Organization
NCH	National Council on Health
NHIS	National Health Insurance Scheme
NHMIS	National Health Management Information System
NID	National Immunization Day
NPHCDA	National Primary Health Care Development Agency
NPHCDF	National Primary Health Care Development Fund
NPI	National Programme on Immunization
ORS	Oral Rehydration Salt
ORT	Oral Rehydration Therapy
PATHS	Partnership for Transforming Health Systems
PHC	Primary Health Care
PMTCT	Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission
PPHC	Primary Prevention Health Care
RBM	Roll Back Malaria
SCH	State Councils on Health
SDP	Service Delivery Points
SMOH	State Ministry of Health
UNAIDS	United Nations Joint Programme on AIDS
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children Fund
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VCT	Voluntary Counselling and Testing
VHW	Village Health Workers
WDC	Ward Development Health Committee
VDC	Village Development Health Committee
WHO	World Health Organization