



REPORT OF CS-SUNN FCT CHAPTER SITUATION

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ACRONYMS

(List and define all acronyms contained in the report. This should be done in alphabetical order).

1. Association of Public Health Physicians of Nigeria	APHPN
2. Board of Trustees	BOT
3. Basic Health Foundation	BHF
4. Civil Society scaling up Nutrition in Nigeria	CS-SUNN
5. Civil Society Organisations	CSO
6. Centre for Rural Youth Entrepreneurship and Environmental Development	CRYEED
7. Corporate Affairs Commission	CAC
8. Easterbrook Foundation	EF
9. Faith Based Organisation	FBO
10. Greater Life Initiative	GLI
11. Heal the Youth Foundation	HTYF
12. International Non-Governmental Organisations	INGO
13. Area Council	AC
14. Non- Governmental Organisations	NGO
15. Save the Children Nigeria	SCI
16. Steering Committee	SC
17. Sam Empowerment Foundation	SEF
18. State Committee on Food and Nutrition	SCFN
19. Society for Behavioral Therapy and Health	SBTH
20. Partnership for Advocacy in Child and Family and Health	PACFaH
21. Umah Foundation	UF

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Introduction:

CS-SUNN – FCT Chapter was inaugurated on the 5th of January 2016 at Top Rank Hotel, Area 11, Garki Abuja. The Chapter was further reconstituted and merged with an already existing CS-SUNN working group on the MPTF Project on the 15th September 2016 at Galview Hotel, No 9 Dantunku Road, off Wharf Road Kaduna and immediately elected a fresh team of Executives members.

CS-SUNN Chapter is made up of different (women/youths, agriculture, FBOs/CBOs/APHPN, etc.) organizations that work to improve nutrition in the FCT through advocacy. Members of the coalition have a shared vision to transform FCT into a State where every citizen has food and is nutrition secured.

Membership strength:

In the inception the coalition started with membership strength of only 15 organizations, today membership has increase to 35 active members

However the total number of members on the membership list is forty two (42); meanwhile the list is categorized into three (3) parts, active members, non –active non- responsive members and intending members. The list is constantly being updated to include any change that may occur.

Executive’s functionality:

The executive membership of the FCT chapter has been undergoing some challenges and as a result has seen the need to change some of the members for the sake of non- participation of their organization in the coordination functions of the executive membership.

The FCT Chapter is being coordinated by 7 elected Executive members (Coordinator, Secretary/ Assistant Secretary, PRO, Treasurer and Financial Secretary). In 2017, 5 working teams were created namely: Program Planning, Advocacy, Community outreach & Sensitization, Report/M&E and Resource Mobilization Teams to ensure the implementation of plans already developed;

Organization’s represented at the executive level are:

- Heal the Youth Foundation (HTYF) (Coordinator)
- Sam Empowerment Foundation (Deputy Coordinator newly elected)
- Greater Life Initiative (GLI) (Secretary)
- Centre for Rural Youth Entrepreneurship and Environmental Development (CRYEED) (Assistant Secretary –newly elected)
- Basic Health Foundation (BHI) (Treasurer)
- Umah Foundation (UF) (Financial Secretary)



- Easterbrook Foundation (EF) (PRO)

Meetings:

CS-SUNN FCT chapter holds quarterly meetings, and has in the past enjoyed support from Save the Children International Nigeria. However, because of the chapters ability to map resources within the coalition it has continued to remain functional even without any external support.

FCT Chapter Capacity

There exists capacity among membership / organization in the FCT coalition. Based on a mapping assessment conducted in the inception of the PACFAH project implemented by the National office in 2015, member's organizational capacities were assessed and capacities built to close those gaps in 2016. However, there is still need for training and retraining for new members who join the coalition.

Communication

- FCT Chapter communicates with its members via Emails and Text messages
- The Chapter has a bank account :(yet functional). Members are paying their dues
- **On social media** - the chapter has a Facebook page, whatsApp groups and a twitter account.

Resources within

1. The chapter is an appointed member of the Reproductive Health Technical Working Group
2. Members of the FCT Committee on Food and Nutrition (SCFN)
3. The chapter is also an appointed member on the Technical/Steering Committee level - Saving One million Lives for Result project.
4. Two (2) members of the FCT chapter are currently members of the steering committee (SC) at the National office.
5. The FCT chapter enjoys free of charge donation of space for all its meeting from Sam Empowerment Foundation (SEF)
6. Some member's capacity have been built in Advocacy skill/ strategies and budget tracking in 2016.
7. Some members have been selected to conduct trainings on behalf of the CS-SUNN National on the PACFAH project
8. Four (4) member's capacity was built in 2017 in Communicating Nutrition Information and Data to Policy Makers by Population Reference Bureau USA. Today all of the selected organizations have drafted specific organizational Policy Briefs; the policy briefs are yet to be published or printed.



9. Members capacity on Organizational /policy development was built by Heal the Youth Foundation in 2017
10. Members received a step-down training on the Rwanda Learning Route experience attended by the Coordinator in 2016.

Past programs and achievements:

The Chapter has developed a one year plan in 2017, with the support of Save the children International Nigeria. Only Some activities in the Plan where implemented. The plan is about to be reviewed.

Because of the diverse nature that exist in the coalition membership, most organizations implement divers interventions and programs for example (IYCF, Deworming, vitamin supplementation, Household Economic strengthening, capacity building/ Advocacy, budget tracking, OVC, HIV/ AIDS, health education, mobilization & sensitization. However as a team we advocate for improved nutrition in the FCT.

The chapter also participates actively during planning and implementation of government activities like the MNCH week, Nutrition week and Monitoring (Integrated Supportive Supervision).

Media relationship:

CS-SUNN FCT is in partnership with some media houses in the FCT. This is as a result of rigorous meetings and advocacies carried out to media houses in 2017. Confirmed names of media partners are:

1. Abuja Digest - represented by Rabi Rabi
2. Blue print Newspaper -represented by Edwina A. Ogiri
3. Leadership and daily Trust/Thisday News paper
4. Radio Nigeria, WAZOBIA FM, &WE FM

Ongoing Organizational Assessment:

As a result of the growth and expansion of the chapter, it become expedient that newly registered member of the coalition are also assessed in order to close the capacity gaps that may exist within these organization to enable them contribute their quota effectively.



Currently, 10 new member organizations have been visited and assessed using an adapted Mapping /assessment tool developed by CS-SUNN. Assessment is still ongoing to cover all the 35 active members.

Noteworthy of mention is that, the assessors were drawn from among the coalition members (SEF/CREED/Adonah and SBTH), with a team lead and members also contributed their resources (Cash, vehicle and time) to ensure the success of the assessment.

FCT Nutrition funding Situation

- Agriculture has 1million naira nutrition budget
- FCT-PHCB has 3 million dedicated budget for the purchase of RUTF
- The FCT-PHCB supported the first phase implementation of 2018 MNCH week.

FCT Nutrition situation: According to the 2015 NDHS/MICS Report:

- Stunting Rate: increased from 20.6- 22.8% (20.8% MICS)
- EBF Rate: increased from 32%-52%

Other Findings

- Honorable Secretaries have been appointed in all MDAs
- Multi-stakeholder plan available but it is yet to be signed by the Minister
- Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (MNCH) week is being implemented.
- Saving One million lives project for result supports some Nutrition programs in the FCT.
- Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) center established in Kwali Area Council (AC) and relevant capacities of PHC Staff built.
- School feeding program is about to kick off through the Social Welfare Department and will be implemented through the education secretariat

Challenges:

Even with the strength that exists within the coalition it is not without its challenges, some of these challenges include among others.

1. Poor participation by some members/Executives in chapter's activities
2. Poor Funding to implement planned actions
3. Poor support and communication from the CS-SUNN national body
4. Inadequate capacity of members in implementing high level advocacy activities



5. Poor involvement in developing, planning and implementation of plans/proposal from CS-SUNN national body

Recommendations:

To ensure the smooth running of the FCT Chapter the following are recommended:

1. Improved participation by some members/Executives in chapter's activities members needs to be motivated for increase participation in the FCT Chapters activities
2. The FCT need to find innovative ways to increase resources in order to implement planned actions
3. There in an urgent need for the CS-SUNN national body to improve communication and support the FCT chapter to carry out its activities
4. Build capacity of members in order to implement high level advocacy activities
5. Increase involvement in the development, planning and implementation of plans/proposal from CS-SUNN national body