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It is our pleasure to welcome our followers to this edition of our E-Book Technical Series on Health System in Nigeria on Basic Health Care Provision Fund: Promoting Good Governance and Accountability in Implementation. This follows our successful three previous series on *Transforming Primary Health Care for Universal Health Coverage*, *Systems Thinking for Making Health System Work for All* and *Accountability Challenges in the Health System in Nigeria: Dimensions, Impacts and Opportunities*, which were all very positively received by our followers with *valuable feedback*.

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Our final gratitude goes to all our followers for their patronage, and look forward to suggestions on how we can contribute better towards stronger health system in Nigeria.

## Editorial Note

Initiative for Health Accountability and Transparency (IHAT) was founded to be a **STRONG AND INFLUENTIAL VOICE** in the Health System in Nigeria, Promoting and Mobilizing for Accountability, Better Health-Equity and an End to Social Exclusion.

While there are substantial efforts in the country to deliver essential healthcare services to those who need them, progress has been slow despite availability of cost effective health interventions that can prevent much of the burden of diseases.

Though there are many stumbling blocks to significant progress, inadequate health financing has remained a recurring decimal. Overall allocations to the health sector in Nigeria has been sub-optimal and have been decreasing in the most disturbing manner over the years. Thus, the need for additional channels have become very compelling and the introduction of the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) as additional funding mechanism can best be regarded as a game changer.

In furtherance of our mission, Initiative for Health Accountability and Transparency has chosen this chronicle on Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF): Promoting Good Governance and Accountability in Implementation to promote and mobilize for an accountable implementation process.

## Basic Health Care Provision Fund: Promoting Good Governance and Accountability in Implementation

This E-Book is therefore, expounded to facilitate the greater understanding of the conceptual foundation of BHCPF and the best practices required for good governance and accountability.

It sought to respond to the following nine (9) questions:

- what does the BHCPF look like?
- how will it be implemented?
- what is the governance structure and limitation (s)?
- what best practice principles are crucial for success?
- who are the stakeholders?
- what are the accountability mechanisms and approaches?
- what are the implementation bottlenecks and challenges?
- what is the current status of implementation?

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## Introduction

The role of good governance and public accountability has been emphasized in recent years as a key to development effectiveness. For example, it has been argued that merely allocating public resources for right goods and services may not lead to desirable outcomes if institutions involving planning, management, budgeting and execution-are malfunctioning (World Bank 1998).

Globally, good governance and accountability has emerged as a high-profile issue and of critical interest for leaders, policy makers, managers, public and citizens and other stakeholders in health sector reform.

While there are substantial efforts in the country to deliver essential healthcare services to those who need them, progress have been slow despite availability of cost health interventions that can prevent much of the burden of diseases.

Lack of sufficient progress has been attributed to inadequate financial investment in health and accompanying varying degrees of health system failure which requires systems' solutions, which in many cases are temporary remedies which have been generally considered inadequate.

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