Trend Analysis of Health and Nutrition Budget in Nigeria

(2014 - 2018)
Nigeria is home to the third largest population of malnourished children in the world, with an under-five mortality rate of 120 deaths per 1,000 live births, and an infant mortality rate of 70 per 1,000 live birth in 2017.

Interestingly, an essential component of health, which is Nutrition, over the years has been neglected. Adequate nutrition is critical during early childhood as they are important for organs, immune system and neurological development.
Quick Numbers

Nigeria’s Health Sector

N2.6tn
A total of N784.8 billion\(^2\) was spent directly on health and social services in 2017 up from 2016 level of N745.58 billion while N2.636 trillion was spent by Nigerians on other health sensitive items.

78%
Historically, private health expenditure accounted for approximately 78 percent of Nigeria’s health expenditure.

90%
The out of pocket segment account for approximately 70 percent of total health expenditure or 90 percent of total private health expenditure.

10%
The Federal government account for approximately 10\(^\circ\)\(^\circ\) of health related spending in Nigeria while the state and local government health expenditure was approximately 8\(^\circ\) and 4\(^\circ\) respectively.
The Problem

Stunted Children has increased

Percentage of Children under five that are stunted

1http://www.nigerianstat.gov.ng/download/784
The Problem

Wasting

Wasting increases the risk of stunted growth, impaired cognitive development and non-communicable diseases in adulthood.

Percentage of Children under the age of Five (Wasting)

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The Problem

Severe Wasting

Percentage of Children under the age of five (Severe Wasting)

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2018 Federal Government Approved Budget

Budget Size: N9.12tn

- Recurrent Non-Debt: N3.51tn
- Capital Expenditure: N2.87tn
- Debt Servicing: N2.2tn
- Statutory Allocation: N530bn
- Deficit: N1.95tn

Revenue: N7.1tn

Source: Budget Office of the Federation
Relative to the size of the federal government’s spending plan, health sector allocation stands at 5.79 percent which is relatively low when compared to the 15 percent commitment made by the Nigerian government at the Abuja conference.

Source: Budget office of the Federation
The National Strategic Plan of Action for Nutrition (NSSPAN) assumes that the FG will provide $10 million annually for 2014-2018. Federal Allocations explicitly directed at addressing malnutrition have always been lower than what is needed.

Source: Budget office of the Federation
Breakdown - Nutrition Specific Intervention

Budgetary Allocations under the IYCF interventions were N228.29 million in 2018 up from the N121 million allocated for the intervention in 2017. Allocation in 2014 and 2016 was N73.64 million and N21.13 million respectively.

Source: budget office of the federation
Breakdown - Nutrition Specific Intervention

Treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition

Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) remains a major cause of mortality among children under 5 years of age, and much of this mortality can be prevented.

Source: budget office of the federation
Federal Government Budgetary Allocation

Breakdown - Nutrition Specific Intervention

Micro-Nutrient fortification and supplementation

Budgetary allocation in 2014 and 2015 was N7.5million and N7.68million respectively. Allocation tops N55million\(^5\) in 2018 up from 2017 level of N20.1million.

Source: budget office of the federation
Federal Government Budgetary Allocation

Nutrition Sensitive Intervention

2014: N1.2bn
2015: N760m
2016: N1.66bn
2017: N4.22bn
2018: N3.07bn

Source: Budget office of the Federation
Budgetary allocation under WASH programme was N1.3 billion in 2018 down from 2017 level of N2.69 billion. Allocation for water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in 2014, 2015 and 2016 was 451.34 million, N113.74 million and N545.33 million respectively.

Source: budget office of the federation
Federal Government Budgetary Allocation

Breakdown - Nutrition Sensitive Intervention

In 2018, N522million was allocated directly by the federal government for early childhood development down from 2017 level of N641.07million. Budgetary allocation to ensure children get adequate nutrients early in life was N41.67million in 2014.

Source: budget office of the federation
**Federal Government Budgetary Allocation**

**Breakdown - Nutrition Sensitive Intervention**

**Improved Food Security**

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Direct budgetary allocation to improve food security in 2018 stands at N266.75m up from 2017 level of N88.5m. Allocations dedicated mainly to mothers and young children health - through changes in income, and increased availability and accessibility of diverse nutrient-dense foods in 2014 and 2015 was N90m and N64.6m respectively.

Source: budget office of the federation
Focus State
Actual Spending (Nutrition)
Amount in Naira

2014: 222.08m
2015: 184.05m
2016: 143.05m
2017: 351.67m
2018*: 769.35m

*Budgetary Allocation

Source: budget office of the federation
Actual Spending (Nutrition)
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Source: Kaduna State Government
Actual Spending (Nutrition)

Amount in Naira

- 2014: 142.7m
- 2015: 10m
- 2016: 55.38m
- 2017: 74.5m
- 2018*: 1.4bn

Source: Kano State government, Unicef
Niger State Government
Budgetary Allocation

Budgetary Allocation
Amount in Naira

2015: 269,057,336
2016: 68,160,977
2017: 89,218,166
2018: 137,746,250

Source: Niger State Government
Actual Spending (Nutrition)
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Source: Lagos State Government
Focus State Comparative Analysis

Wasting Rate (2017)

- Lagos: 11.4%
- Niger: 8.8%
- Nasarawa: 6.8%
- Kano: 10.8%
- Kaduna: 11.7%

Source: MICS 2017
Focus State
Comparative Analysis

Underweight (2017)

Kano: 40.3%
Niger: 24.3%
Lagos: 14.5%
Nasarawa: 20.7%
Kaduna: 34%

Source: MICS 2017
Focus State Comparative Analysis

2018 Nutrition Budget Per Capita

Source: NPC, State Government
Focus State Comparative Analysis

Nutrition Budget as a Percentage of Total Budget (2018)

- Lagos: 0.01%
- Kano: 0.68%
- Kaduna: 1.10%
- Nasarawa: 0.61%
- Niger: 0.10%

Source: State Government