

FUND RELEASE POLICY TEMPLATE

PRIMARY HEALTHCARE PROVISION STRENGTHENING (HOPE-PHC) PROGRAM P504693

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GUIDELINES FOR FUNDS AVAILABILITY MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES (MDAS) IMPLEMENTING PRIMARY HEALTHCARE PROVISION STRENGTHENING PROGRAM

POLICY PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This document establishes the **Funds Release Policy** for the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) implementing the Primary Healthcare Provision Strengthening Program (HOPE-PHC) in Benue State.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the BNSG BHCPP Funds Release Policy include:

- A. To facilitate timely availability of funds to MDAs implementing HOPE-PHC program, allowing for the execution of the Annual Operating Plans (AOPs).
- B. Improved predictability and availability of funds to MDAs implementing HOPE-PHC program for better planning and program execution.
- C. Expedited processing of funding requests to MDAs implementing HOPE-PHC program.

Definition of Terms

1. **Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF):** This is the fund where all government revenue accrues whether from taxes, Federal Government allocation or other sources. All government expenditures are made from this fund except for exceptional items made from contingency or special accounts meant for the purposes stated. All expenditures from this fund are made as appropriated by the State House of Assembly.
2. **State:** Means Benue State of Nigeria created by virtue of section 3 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended).
3. **Benue State Government (BNSG):** Means the executive arm of Benue State Government.
4. **Benue State House of Assembly (BNSHA):** Means the legislative arm of government created by virtue of section 90 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended).
5. **MDAs implementing HOPE-PHC program in the state:** Indicate the relevant MDAs here {Benue State Ministry of Health, Benue State Primary Health Care Board, Benue State Hospitals Management Board, Benue

State Drugs and Health Commodities Management Agency, Benue State Health Insurance Agency, Benue State AIDS Control Agency}.

- A. It is the policy of BNSG to release funds to MDAs implementing HOPE-PHC program from the sector subaccount of the TSA wherein HOPE-PHC program funds are held within 14 days.
- B. Funds for the achievement of results (or DLIs) will be made available to the MDAs implementing HOPE-PHC program based on the year's approved costed Annual Operation Plan (AOP).
- C. The AOPs are developed by the sector, led by the Commissioner of Health, who is also the Chairperson of the expanded BHCPF State Oversight Committee and takes into consideration, all that is required to improve health outcomes.
- D. Commissioners of Health, in their capacities as Chairpersons of the BHCPF State Oversight Committee will approve the sectoral plans, ensure that such plans are also shared with their Governors, and oversee the disbursement of such funds in line with activities under the Annual Operational Plan.
- E. Expenditures of the MDAs implementing HOPE-PHC program must be in line with their approved Annual Operational Plan.
- F. Funding requests by the MDAs implementing HOPE-PHC program will be processed by the directors of finance and other relevant sectoral structures used in disbursing funds. The requests will clearly identify the relevant activities in the approved costed plan AOP and relevant supporting documents as the basis for requisition.
- G. Funds are available for utilization only through the approved sector sub-accounts, which shall utilize signatories of relevant sectoral officers.
- H. To qualify for the next DLI achieved, the state shall provide evidence of funds released to the operational accounts of the implementing MDAs to the IVA for verification and confirmation.
- I. Monthly returns of all fund's utilization along with supporting documentation must be made to the Final Accounts unit of the Office of the Accountant General of the State. Copy of the monthly funds' utilization report shall also be submitted to the Chairman of the BHCPF State Oversight Committee.

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