

POSITION STATEMENT ON “INITIATIVES FOR SUSTAINABLE HEALTH FINANCING” IN LINE WITH THE AFRICA LEADERSHIP MEETING (ALM) DECLARATION

The outcome of the National Dialogue is encapsulated in this Position Statement.

The main priority areas identified by stakeholders during the Dialogue under each of the four Key pillars are as follows:

(i) More Money for Health

Stakeholders agreed to:

- Accelerate the development of the medical hub, including medical education, and pursue medical value travels to make world class healthcare and wellness services accessible to everyone;
- Enhance collaboration and collective efforts between the public and the private sector to invest in state-of-the-art technology and standard of care that will contribute to the growth of the sector;
- Mobilise funds and other resources from our development partners for investment and capacity development in ensuring care continuity;
- Fast-track the development of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, local manufacturing of medical supplies and clinical research to accelerate our efforts towards health system transformation;
- Adopt alternative, innovative and sustainable financing models to mobilise and improve utilization of available resources and create multiple pathways for increasing access to essential treatments;
- Empower civil society organisations for improved service delivery and shift care beyond hospital for a whole person health; and
- Healthcare institutions, whether public or private, shall provide for integrated and waste management including the safe disposal of hazardous medical wastes.

(ii) More Health for the Money

Stakeholders agreed to:

- Provide continuous pathways, guidelines and protocols to improve efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery at all levels to further enhance integrated Healthcare and Universal Health Coverage.;
- Improve primary care through health literacy and the Family Doctor Service Scheme to ensure safe and effective community care for a smarter growth;
- Meaningfully engage societal participation on all matters pertaining to integrative healthcare;

- Reinforce collaborative surveillance network in containing and controlling emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases to ensure security, resiliency and good health;
- Develop robust preparedness for a health sector response at speed and scale to the effects of climatic change;
- Promote research to generate better evidence for advocacy, efficiency and quality improvement, including patient satisfaction and clinical management;
- Adopt Pooled Procurement, rationalise use of essential medicines and operationalise the Central Medical Procurement Authority for a value-based healthcare;
- Accelerate the digital transformation of the health system including "One Patient, One Record" and as an agile technology enabler to connect, analyse, serve and support with an end-to-end suite of capability; and
- Reinforce Public Private collaboration in health service delivery with a more collective value-creative process for a patient centric care.

(iii) Equity for Improved Financial Protection in Health

Stakeholders will:

- Implement transition, engagement and capacity building plans to support the programmatic capabilities of local implementers; and
- Increase accessibility, availability and affordable to safe, effective, quality healthcare system to the vulnerabilities and disparities of vulnerable groups in the healthcare system.

(iv) Strengthened Country Leadership of the Health Financing Agenda

Stakeholders commit to:

- Establish a multi-sectoral National Health Sector Committee to make our capabilities, system, infrastructural technology, organisation culture and behaviours deliver the results we seek;
- Develop the second Health Sector Strategic Plan including the National Financing Strategy and Co-ordination Framework for an improved sustainable and resilient health system efficiency and user experience;
- Strengthen the Health Management Information System and Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (MER) Framework to catalyse the commitment and collective actions and progress towards achieving the targets of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and of the African Union Agenda 2063; and
- Foster good governance and promote shared responsible, transparency and accountability in the health sector to strengthen the foundation for accessible, affordable and high priority care based on the principle of inclusiveness, equity and gender diversity.