



# STEERING THE RUDDER IN UNCHARTED WATERS



## From the Editor's Desk



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Following the previous edition's highlight of IT equipment handover to PCN for smooth roll-out of its e-platform, PCN goes on to sensitize its stakeholders on use of the e-platform.

As proof of the impact of the project's training activities, 153 providers have been certified competent in providing implant insertion and removal services. Strategic demand generation activities which is a key focus of the project continues with over 700 persons reached via outreaches in both implementing states.

This edition also features an impactful integrated supportive supervisory visits to over 100 providers as part of effort towards strengthening the quality of FP service delivery.

# PCN Stakeholders sensitized on the new e-PCN platform



PCN sensitization meeting for South East zone at Enugu

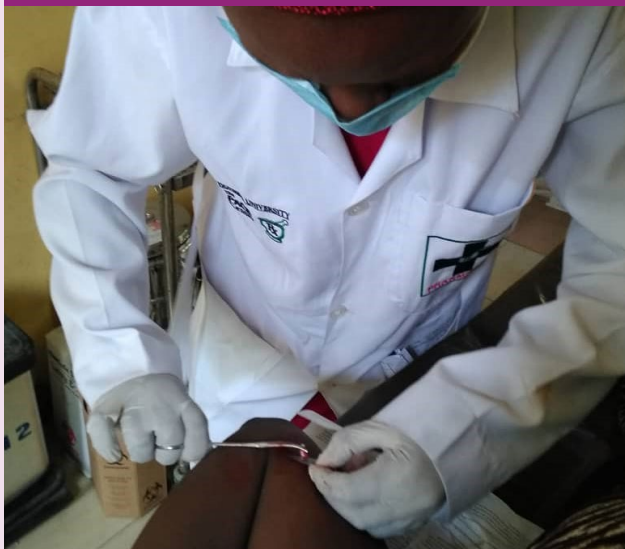
PCN organized a sensitization meeting with representatives of the Pharmacists groups and PPMV associations under their regulation, to inform them on the changes made to the registration portal and the entire digitalization of its operation.

This sensitization was crucial for a seamless roll out. Participants were drawn from Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), Association of Community Pharmacists (ACPN), National Association of Patent and Proprietary Medicines Dealers (NAPPMED) etc. The geopolitical zones covered included South East, South South and North West. Other zones will be covered subsequently.



PCN Sensitization for South South zone at Uyo

## 153 Trained Providers in Lagos certified as competent to provide LARC FP method



A CP removing Implant during the Competency Training

As part of capacity strengthening of the providers on LARC, after the six days of FP training, each of the trained providers (CPs and Tier 2 PPMVs) have to undergo a 6-week post training competency certification where they must provide a minimum of 12 implant insertions and 3 removals as well as provide about 10 injectable contraceptives under the close supervision of a master trainer who will continue to assess their skills and competence.

They are often attached to the primary health centres closest to their premises where they will see more FP clients to attain competency in the shortest possible time. In Lagos, a total of 153 Providers who had previously been trained on FP attained competency on the insertion and removal of the long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARC) while a new set of trained providers- 56 CPs and 11 PPMVs have commenced post-training competency certification and have been assigned a master trainer and a PHC closest to them.



The MoH Agege LGA (Dr Akintayo) with CPs after signing off on their logbook following the completion of their competency assessment



# Family Planning outreaches conducted in Lagos and Kaduna States reached over 700 persons



One of the providers carrying out implant removal during the outreach in Kaduna



Clients waiting to be attended to during outreach

Strategic demand generation is a key focus of the project and outreaches are one of such activities used to drive this. This activity is one of the ways of sensitizing the community on the availability of FP services from CPs and PPMVs because these are not known or traditional FP providers. In Lagos and Kaduna, outreaches were conducted to create awareness on family planning and direct clients to a trained provider's facility where FP services can be obtained.

With support of 1 CP and 7 Tier-2 PPMVs for the outreach, 78 implant insertions, 5 removals and 7 injectable contraceptives were carried out in Lagos. In Kaduna where outreaches were conducted in rural communities in Chikun, Kaduna North, Kaduna South, Sabon-Gari and Zaria LGAs, 613 people were counselled- 544 persons accepted their preferred FP method and the rest received only counselling. 106 women accepted implants, 122 received injectable contraceptives while 92 women opted for the pills. There were 6 implants removals during the outreaches as well and 224 people received male condoms.

# State-led Integrated Supportive Supervisory Visit (ISSV) impacts over 100 providers



ISSV to one of the trained provider in Kaduna

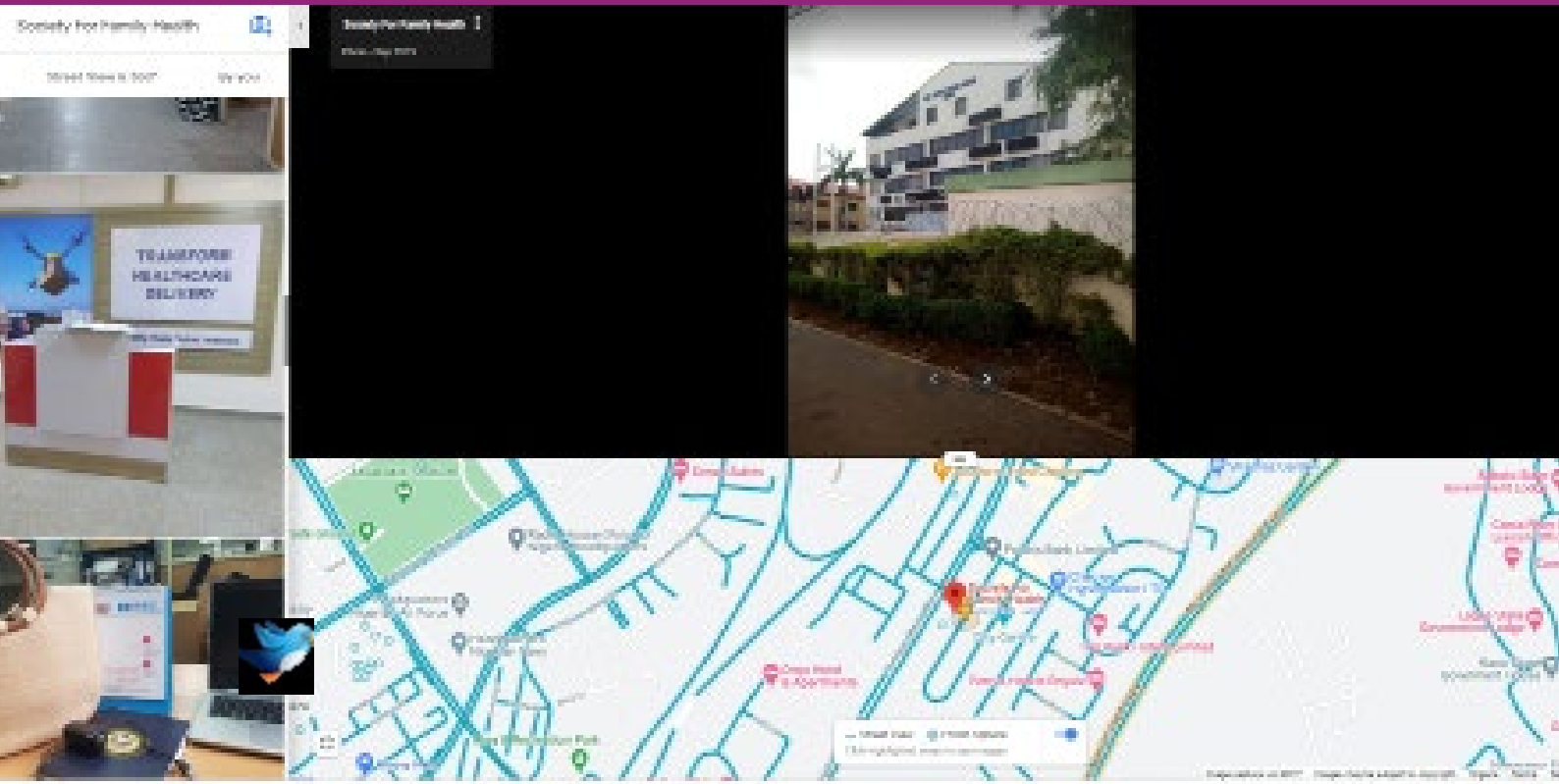


Coaching newly trained PPMVs on DMPA-SC/SI



The quarterly ISSV is led by the SMOH through the Director of Pharmaceutical services and provides an opportunity for the state to be part of the supervision of CP and PPMVs in strengthening the quality of service delivery.

The ISSVs were carried out in both states in March 2021. In Kaduna state, visit was made to some selected IntegratE trained Providers in six local government areas (Chikun, Igabi, Kaduna North, Kaduna South, Sabon-Gari and Zaria) supporting 107 Providers (14 CPs, 2 Tier-1 PPMVs and 91 Tier-2 PPMVs.) In Lagos, 3 LGAs (Ojo, Alimosho and Agege) were visited and trained FP service providers were supervised to observe counselling, provision of FP methods, data documentation and tool usage as well as infection prevention practices.

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