

## Bringing PHC under one roof

### Efforts at National level

This has been a major thrust of primarily outputs 1 and 7 and has been reported on in previous annual reports. The policy document and implementation guide prepared in 2010 were approved by the NPHCDA Board and submitted to the National Council for Health meeting for consideration.

At the 54<sup>th</sup> National Council on Health (NCH) Meeting in May 2011, resolution number 29 states:

“Council noted the thrust of the National Health Bill in strengthening Primary Health Care (PHC) through the creation of PHC Boards/Agencies and the PHC Development Fund. Council noted efforts in “Bringing PHC under one roof” in line with the provisions of the National Health Bill. Council also noted the importance of enacting relevant state legislation and regulations that will facilitate the implementation of National Health Bill. Council therefore approved the implementation Guide on Bringing PHC under one roof (PHCUOR) as a working document to be used by the three tiers of government and approved that all states establish Primary Health Care Boards.”

Efforts now need to focus on supporting states to implement the steps and processes as outlined in the implementation guide.

At state level a number of issues have progressed since the 2010 report. These include:

- Regulations have been signed in both Yobe and Zamfara and, in Zamfara, both the law and the regulations have been gazetted;
- In Zamfara and Yobe, offices have been established and Board and management staff have been appointed;
- Key senior government officials from Yobe including LGA managers have been sensitized on their roles in the management of the PHC Management Board and have produced an organogram for the Board and a costed operational plan to guide implementation;
- Draft job descriptions for the key officials of the PHC Management Board in Yobe and Zamfara States have been prepared;
- Review of the financial management system of the PHC Management Boards in Yobe and Zamfara States was carried out and recommendations for setting up robust financial systems were produced to facilitate implementation;
- In Jigawa, the Gunduma Board is conducting quarterly financial and performance reviews. The budget performance of the Board for 2010 was 95%; and
- In Katsina, high level advocacy has led to a commitment to review the current SPHCA legislation in 2012.

However, in Zamfara the governing board has been dissolved following the change in government.

In 2012, the focus will be on management capacity building and strengthening the human resource and financial management systems to strengthen the new SPHCBs.