



An **EDSPHCDA Newsletter**

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A NEW DAWN

EDO STATE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE NEWS



UNVEILING THE EDSPHCDA STORY

In the not-so-distant past, the story of Primary Health Care (PHC) in Edo State was marred by challenges such as dilapidated infrastructures, shortage of health workers, unimpressive attitudes from staff, a scarcity of essential drugs, and leadership fragmentation. These issues contributed to a prevailing narrative that PHC was primarily for the poor.

However, under the visionary leadership of Governor Obaseki, a new chapter has unfolded. A resolute commitment to strengthening PHC in Edo is reshaping the narrative, ensuring that the perception of it being exclusively for the poor becomes a relic of the past.

Significant strides have been made, with ongoing construction work transforming PHCs across Edo. The recruitment of over 300 staff in 2023, coupled with an ongoing hiring process, reflects a commitment to bolstering the workforce. Training and retraining programs have been instituted, enhancing productivity and ensuring health workers are well-versed in best practices.

NEW DAWN

The essential drug program, operating in collaboration with private community pharmacists through the drug revolving fund, is eradicating the issue of drug shortages at PHCs. Technology, embodied in the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) e-clinic system implemented in 55 PHCs, is becoming a hallmark, soon to be replicated across the entire state. Emphasizing preventive and promotive care, the focus is shifting from merely curing diseases to proactive health management.

Welcome to the vibrant world of Primary Healthcare in Edo! Get ready for an insightful journey as we unfold the narrative of who we are, shed light on our impactful initiatives, and explore the communities we passionately serve.

As you explore the subsequent pages, you will discover our unwavering commitment to deliver on our mandate. Join us on this exciting mission as we unveil a new era of healthcare excellence, where every Edo citizen receives the care they deserve. Stay tuned as we bring primary health care gist to you.

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About Us



Edo State Primary Health Care Development Agency (EDSPHCDA) was established by Law in 2015 to manage Primary Healthcare Centres in the state as recommended by the 54th National Council on Health through Resolution 29 and also backed by the National Health Act of 2014. However, during the process of its takeoff it was discovered that the Bill did not follow the National framework for the establishment and as a result, it was amended in 2019 under the Leadership of His Excellency, Governor Godwin Obaseki, staff were recruited and the Agency became fully operational.

The EDSPHCDA is responsible for coordinating, managing, and supervising all primary health care services in the state. The Agency has a Board of Directors headed by the Board Chairman Dr Felix Ogedegbe appointed by the Executive Governor. The Governing Board addresses broad issues of policy, resource mobilization etc while the Management team is led by the Executive Secretary, Dr. Omosigho Izedonmwen also appointed by the Executive Governor who is responsible for the day to day management of the Agency.

● Our Vision

To be the most responsive, effective and efficient Primary Health Care Development Agency in Nigeria indicated by the improved health outcomes and population satisfaction.



● Our Mission

To provide a package for promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative healthcare services to the citizens of Edo State through a network of integrated primary health care centres, direct community engagement and high performing workforce.


● Our Core Values


- Excellence
- Diligence
- Integrity
- Compassion


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Dear Esteemed Readers,

Welcome to another edition of our Newsletter titled a "New Dawn" I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support in our pursuit of excellence at the Edo State Primary Health Care Development Agency (EDSPHCDA).

Under the visionary leadership of Governor Godwin Obaseki, we have embarked on a transformative journey that transcends the conventional narrative of primary healthcare. The once prevailing challenges of dilapidated infrastructure, a dearth of qualified staff, and insufficient essential drugs are fading into the annals of history.

Thanks to Governor Obaseki's steadfast commitment, our health facilities are witnessing a metamorphosis through ongoing constructions, with plans for additional facilities outlined in our comprehensive BoQ. Over 700 qualified health workers have joined our ranks, and continuous training initiatives ensure their competence in delivering optimal care.



Executive Secretary, EDSPHCDA
DR. OMOSIGHO IZEDONMWUN

The integration of the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) "eclat" system is revolutionizing our approach to healthcare, enhancing the efficiency of Primary Health Care Centers. Also our focus is in community participation ensuring that communities take ownership of their health centers fostering a sense of responsibility and empowerment for a healthier Edo.

As we stride confidently into the future, guided by a robust operational guideline and fueled by your invaluable support, we anticipate achieving even greater milestones in the realm of primary healthcare. Together, we herald a new era of healthcare excellence in Edo State, and I express profound appreciation for your integral role in this transformative journey.

This proactive approach will not only improve health outcomes of the people but will also contribute significantly to the overall resilience and efficiency of the entire healthcare system.

Imagine a primary health care system where individuals are known, enumerated, and their health data is seamlessly integrated, facilitating periodic reminders for check-ups or necessary health services. At EDSPHCDA, we are actively working towards realizing this vision—a future where primary healthcare is proactive, personalized, and accessible to all.

In our pursuit of enhanced primary healthcare, we aim to redefine its perception, shifting away from the narrative that Primary Health care is care for poor people. Our vision is a comprehensive system where Primary Health Care becomes the initial point of contact, catering to basic health needs throughout one's life.

Thank you for being champions of health and partners in building a healthier, stronger Edo.



GOOD HEALTH CAN'T WAIT!

BUILDING A RESILIENT PRIMARY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN EDO, NOW MORE THAN EVER.

Despite these challenges, Edo's strategic position and diverse demographic present an excellent opportunity to build a robust health care model centred on preventive care. This approach could significantly reduce disease prevalence and enhance the overall quality of life.

Recent initiatives by the Edo State Government, has sought to fill this gap by the complete overhauling of the Primary Health care system and these efforts are premised on the fact that a resilient primary health care system in Edo is not just a necessity.

Finally, it is important to note that this effort requires a collaborative effort from government entities, private sectors, and community leaders. By prioritizing health, Edo can ensure a healthier future for its citizens and set a precedent for health care systems in similar regions.

HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH, EDO STATE. DR. SAMUEL ALLI

Amidst rising global health concerns, the importance of strengthening Edo's primary health care system has become a crucial priority for ensuring the well-being of its people and fostering sustainable development.

In Edo State, the health challenges revealed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the increasing burden of non-communicable diseases have magnified the need for a resilient and accessible primary health care system.

Current data shows that a significant portion of the population lacks adequate access to basic health services, and more still are yet to enroll into the State health insurance scheme, highlighting a gap that demands immediate attention.



EDO CLINCHES OVER 185 MILLION NAIRA AT THE NIGERIAN GOVERNOR'S FORUM (NGF) PRIMARY HEALTH CARE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE



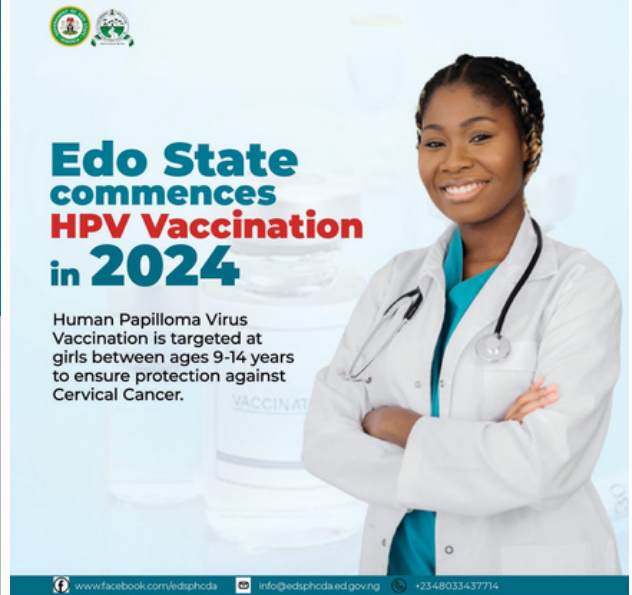
The challenge, organized jointly by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), the Dangote Foundation, and the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency (NPHCDA), serves as a platform to promote innovative solutions and inspire effective leadership in the healthcare sector.

Reacting to the award, Mr. Governor stated that "the main objective of the State has always been to enhance the provision of healthcare and guarantee that every citizen has access to quality primary health care services. He also emphasized that this award represents a validation of the state's efforts to keep raising the bar for health care delivery excellence while adding that it also strengthens the state's resolve to maintain a momentum already established.

In a remarkable achievement, Edo State has once again proved its mettle by emerging as the first runner-up, South-South region at the prestigious Nigerian Governor's Forum (NGF) Primary Health Care Leadership Challenge held at the Presidential Villa, in Abuja.

Led by His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Edo State, Mr. Godwin Nogheghase Obaseki and the Executive Secretary, Edo State Primary Health Care Development Agency, Dr. Omosigho Izedonmwun, the delegation from Edo State showcased their dedication and commitment to excellence. Notably, the former Honourable Commissioner for Health, Ministry of Health, Prof. Obeh Akoria also accompanied the delegation.

Healthy People, Wealthy Edo.



Governor Obaseki Creates Sick Bay at John Odigie Oyegun Public Service Academy (JOOPSA) to cater to Edo People.



In a remarkable stride of providing accessible healthcare services for those engaged in public service and professional development, the Edo State Governor, Mr. Godwin Nogheghase Obaseki created a sick bay within the John Odigie Oyegun Public Service Academy (JOOPSA) facility.

The Executive Secretary, EDSPHCDA Dr. Omosigho Izedonmwun stated that the JOOPSA sick bay is thoughtfully designed to provide timely medical attention for minor ailments, injuries, cervical screening, blood sugar/blood pressure check, vaccinations, emergencies that may arise during the course of training or work as well as many other services.



EDSPHCDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

In a groundbreaking move on March 2023, Governor Godwin Obaseki inaugurated the governing board for Edo State's Primary Healthcare Development Agency (EDSPHCDA).

The Governor urged the Board of Directors to help promote and monitor the implementation of health plans at various levels of the primary healthcare system in Edo and ensure effective implementation and supervision of all primary healthcare activities as well as monitor the maintenance of the minimum acceptable standard in primary healthcare in Edo

The chairman of the board, Dr. Felix Ogedegbe, while responding on behalf of the Board, applauded the Governor's drive to take quality healthcare services closer to the people.

He affirmed the unwavering commitment of the board members in realizing the comprehensive objectives outlined by the Governor.

The Board Chairman reiterated the board's commitment to serving the people of Edo, ensuring that their healthcare needs are not only met but surpassed with excellence.



EDSPHCDA Board Meeting Retreat

EDSPHCDA ORGANIZES A THREE-DAY BOARD MEETING AND RETREAT IN BENIN CITY FROM THE 16TH-18TH JUNE, 2023.

While speaking in an interview with the press, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, EDSPHCDA, Dr. Felix Ogedegbe shared the outcome of the Retreat and Board Meeting held by the Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (EDSPHCDA).

In his words "Over the course of the past three days, we have diligently worked towards setting the pace for the new initiatives mandated by His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Edo State, Mr. Godwin Nogheghase Obaseki.



EDSPHCDA BOARD MEETING



We firmly believe that empowering individuals to take charge of their health is the key to addressing the persistently poor health indices that have plagued our state."

Explaining the rationale behind the Board Meeting and Retreat, the Executive Secretary, EDSPHCDA Dr. Omosigho Izedonmwun stated that "The retreat became a necessity due to the rapid changes and evolving healthcare landscape.

As you know, Primary healthcare is the foundation for the well-being of our people from the moment they are born until the time they pass on, it is within the realm of primary healthcare that individuals in our communities receive the necessary care and support to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. Our overarching objective is to foster a sense of ownership among the community members when it comes to their own health.



He emphasized that there is a need to adapt to new challenges, address emerging issues, and refine our strategies to ensure effective Primary Healthcare delivery in Edo State. By gathering here today, we can collectively analyze our progress, identify areas of improvement, and forge a unified path forward towards achieving our goal"



ONGOING PHC Construction



Aruogba PHC



Oluku PHC



Ugbekun PHC



Eyaen PHC



Idogbo PHC



Ovbiogie PHC



Ogbeson PHC

In a monumental stride towards enhancing healthcare accessibility and quality, His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Edo State, Mr. Godwin Obaseki has initiated the construction of some Primary Health Care Centers (PHCs) in Edo South Senatorial Districts.

EDSPHCDA CARRIES OUT ASSESSMENT OF 48 PHCS.



In a move that promises to revolutionize health in Edo EDSPHCDA in collaboration with the Edo State Public Building and Maintenance Agency and HDIT Systems LTD embarked on a journey to evaluate 48 Primary Health Care Facilities across the state, with the goal of creating a comprehensive set of construction documents for the reconstruction & rehabilitation of these facilities. With these remarkable initiatives, it is reassuring to know that the people of Edo State can look forward to a future where getting quality health services in a primary health care facility is not just a dream but a certainty.

EDO UNITES TO KEEP POLIO @ ZERO.



PRESS BRIEFING BY THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH, EDO STATE DR. SAMUEL ALLI, ON THE POLIO OUTBREAK RESPONSE (OBR) CAMPAIGN TO CIRCULATING VARIANT POLIO VIRUS TYPE 2 (cVPV2).

Imagine a world where every child can run, jump, and dream without the fear of polio lurking in the shadows. Vaccination is the beacon of hope that lights up this vision. It's the promise of a healthier, happier future, where our children can flourish without the shackles of disability. Here, health workers give eligible children aged 0-59 months nopr vaccine to prevent polio.



Polio vaccine is free, safe and very effective. In each vaccine drop, holds the power to protect, liberate, and to ensure that every child's potential knows no bounds.

EDSPHCDA CELEBRATES CUSTOMER'S SERVICE WEEK 2023.



From the 2nd to the 6th of October 2023, Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (EDSPHCDA), in collaboration with the World Health Organisation (WHO), Momentum Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity (USAID M-RITE), and Zenith Bank joined the global community in celebrating Customer Service Week.



The week was nothing short of fun and excitement as EDSPHCDA engaged in a series of activities aimed at expressing their heartfelt gratitude to the communities they serve diligently.

The theme for year 2023 celebration, "Theme Service," set the tone for a week dedicated to recognizing the pivotal role of customer service and the individuals who tirelessly support customers/clients day in and day out.



EDO'S BATTLE

AGAINST

NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASE (NTD)



In the often overlooked corners of the world, Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) silently persist, affecting the most vulnerable populations.

Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) are a diverse group of tropical infections that are common in low-income populations in developing regions of Africa, Asia, and the Americas. They are caused by a variety of pathogens, such as viruses, bacteria, protozoa, and parasitic worms.

To confront this global health challenge head-on, Edo State Government in collaboration with the Federal Government and the Carter Centre is keeping up with the global target of eliminating the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) through the Mass Administration of Medicines (MAM) a powerful strategy that involves the distribution of preventive or curative medicines to entire communities, regardless of infection status. By treating entire populations, including those who may not show symptoms, this proactive measure interrupts the transmission cycle of these diseases.

From 2019 to 2022 the State witnessed an increasing proportion of its rural population receiving preventive drug therapy for NTDs.



Strategic Arsenal Against Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD).

Mass Administration of Medicines emerges as a potent weapon in the fight against Neglected Tropical Diseases. Its community-centered approach offers a pathway towards a future where no one is neglected, and everyone enjoys the right to health and well-being.



The approach was all inclusive and community driven using the Community Directed Distributors (CDDs) to carry out Mass Administration of Medicine.

In 2023, the approach slightly changed, NTD Programs was integrated with the outbreak response campaign held from 11th to 16th November, with additional teams recruited to join the OBR team team who give oral polio vaccine to children aged 0-5years while the NTD team gives individuals aged 5 years and above drugs for the treatment and prevention of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) such as Onchocerciasis (river blindness), Schistosomiasis, and Soil transmitted Helminthes in 6 endemic Local Government Areas of Edo State namely: Akoko-Edo, Ovia North East, Ovia South West, Owan West, and Uhumwode.

**ELDERLY MAN
TAKING HIS NTD
DRUGS.**

BEST STAFF OF THE MONTH



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE @ EDSPHCDA

In the spirit of recognizing outstanding dedication, we proudly announce our Staff of the Month awardees for September and October at EDSPHCDA!

★ SEPTEMBER

Mrs Angela Emuan is a cleaner at the EDSPHCDA Headquarters. Her unwavering commitment to keeping our headquarters pristine shines brightly. A dedicated cleaner, she's the heart of our hygiene efforts. She also loves helping people, never misses work and enjoys doing her job without complain.

★ OCTOBER

Mrs Maria Okoedia is a Nurse at Eguare Primary Health Care Centre (PHC), Igueben LGA. At Eguare PHC, Igueben, Nurse Maria's exceptional care and compassion set a benchmark. Her impact echoes beyond the clinic walls to her services during medical outreach. She is indeed a champion.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE REMARKABLE INDIVIDUALS!

Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed.

SPOTLIGHT

RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING LEADERS

The Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (EDSPHCDA) conducted a thorough assessment of Head Nurses and Medical Officers of Health at Primary Health Care Facilities across the state, evaluating their performance based on a comprehensive set of criteria which encompass key aspects of their work.

- Number of Clinic Coverage per week.
- Number of households enumerated.
- Number of sensitization, outreaches, and advocacy visits conducted on PHC.
- Number of WDC meetings attended in the month.
- Number of facilities with a business plan.
- Number of facilities with an annual improvement plan.
- Number of Statutory data reported, covering Immunization Coverage, family planning, nutrition indicators, OPD coverage, delivery rate, and the percentage increase in BHCPF utilization.
- For Medical Officers of Health, an additional criterion includes the number of Local Health Authority meetings attended per month.



MRS RASHIDATU OSARENREN
HEAD NURSE, AMUFI PHC,
IKPOBA OKHA
EMERGED BEST HEAD NURSE FOR
FEB, 2023



Dr. Osamuyi
Igbinosun
MOH ORHIOMNWON LGA
EMERGED TOP MOH
FOR JULY, 2023



Dr. Damisa
John
MOH ETSAKO EAST
EMERGED TOP MOH
FOR JAN, FEB, &
APRIL, 2023



Dr. John
Ogannume
MOH, ETSAKO CENTRAL
EMERGED TOP MOH
FOR MARCH & JUNE,
2023

THE EDSPHCDA ACKNOWLEDGES AND SPOTLIGHTS THESE DEDICATED STAFF, EMPHASIZING THAT THEIR HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT TO HEALTHCARE EXCELLENCE NEVER GOES UNNOTICED.



BUILDING EXCELLENCE

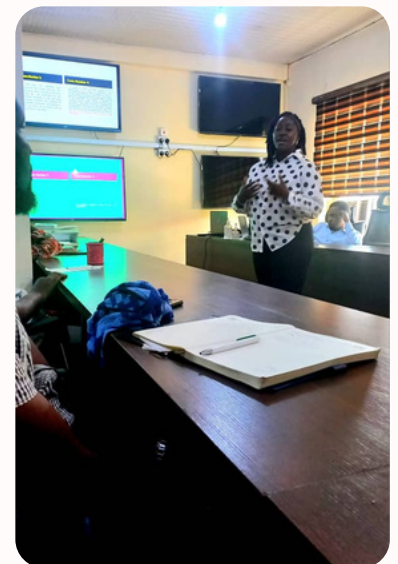
EDSPHCDA'S TRAINING INITIATIVE TO
RESHAPE IT'S WORK CULTURE



In a commitment to fostering professional development and excellence, the Edo State Primary Health Care Development Agency (EDSPHCDA) has embarked on a transformative series of bimonthly trainings spearheaded by the esteemed Human Resource Consultant, Mr. Johnny Usifoh.



These comprehensive training sessions cover a spectrum of vital topics aimed at cultivating a workplace environment characterized by competence, ethical conduct, and a strong sense of teamwork. The diverse subjects include "The Vision, Mission, and Your Place in History," "Ethics, Professional Etiquette, and Teamwork," "Quality Management and Compliance," "Confidentiality in the Workplace," "Developing a Culture of Promoting the Agency," "Roles in Payment of Staff Salaries," and "Personal Hygiene."





These sessions, meticulously crafted and executed, go beyond routine professional development. They signify a strategic move towards cultivating a work culture that is not only proficient but is also driven by a deep understanding of the agency's vision and mission. The emphasis on ethics, compliance, and confidentiality aims to fortify the agency's commitment to delivering healthcare services with integrity.

As EDSPHCDA looks to the future, this training initiative is set to evolve, with a focus on expanding into clinical services. The agency recognizes that nurturing a skilled and well-informed workforce is pivotal to delivering optimal clinical care to the people of Edo.

In essence, these training sessions are not just about skill enhancement; they represent a profound investment in the people who are at the heart of EDSPHCDA's mission. By cultivating a culture of continuous learning, the agency is building a foundation for excellence, ensuring that every staff member plays a significant role in advancing the health and well-being of the Edo community.

Mr. Johnny Usifoh, alongside other seasoned facilitators, has played a pivotal role in imparting invaluable knowledge to the dedicated staff of EDSPHCDA. The overarching goal of these training sessions is to instill a renewed sense of purpose, professionalism, and commitment among the workforce.

The trainings are not merely isolated events; they are part of an ongoing, bimonthly initiative that has become an integral aspect of the agency's culture. This commitment to continuous learning underscores EDSPHCDA's dedication to maintaining the highest standards in healthcare service delivery to the people of Edo State.



ADVOCACY NEVER ENDS @ EDSPHCDA



At EDSPHCDA, we persistently amplify our voice through microphones, megaphones, flyers, and posters to champion public health in Edo.

EDSPHCDA ADVOCACY VISITS



EDSPHCDA COMMENCES ADVOCACY VISIT TO SECURE STAKEHOLDERS BUY IN TOWARDS ENHANCED PRIMARY HEALTHCARE DELIVERY.

In a pivotal move toward elevating primary healthcare standards in Edo State, Dr. Omosigho Izedonmwen, the Executive Secretary, EDSPHCDA embarked on a crucial advocacy visit to several MDAs, Stakeholders in Primary Health Care in Edo State. One of such visits was to the Chief Medical Director, University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) Dr. Darlington Obaseki.

This visit aimed to strengthen partnerships and secure vital stakeholder buy-in for ongoing primary healthcare reforms in the state.

Dr. Izedonmwen introduced the "STREAM" initiative, a strategic plan designed to rapidly elevate primary healthcare service standards, STREAM stands for: Staffing, Technology, Minimal Renovations, Equipment, Alternative Source of Power M: Monitoring and Evaluation.



VISIT TO ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH PRACTITIONERS OF NIGERIA, EDO STATE CHAPTER



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VISIT TO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH WORKERS UNION OF NIGERIA, EDO STATE CHAPTER



VISIT TO EDO STATE HEAD OF SERVICE AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS



VISIT TO IGBINEDION UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL (IUTH)



VISIT TO ENOGIE OF EHOR, UHUNMWONDE LGA.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR PARTNERS & COLLABORATORS

In the pursuit of a healthier Edo State, the Edo State Primary Health Care Development Agency (EDSPHCDA) extends heartfelt appreciation to our esteemed technical partners and other collaborating Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) for their unwavering support and collaborative efforts in achieving significant strides in primary health care.

The success of any healthcare system relies on a collaborative approach, and EDSPHCDA is proud to stand alongside remarkable technical partners who share our vision for a healthier community. The collaborative initiatives have significantly strengthened the foundation of healthcare delivery in Edo State.

Our technical partners bring invaluable expertise, innovative solutions, and a shared commitment to improving health outcomes. Their contributions range from implementing cutting-edge healthcare technologies to providing essential training programs, enriching the capabilities of our healthcare professionals as well as funding to ensure a successful implementation.

OUR PARTNERS, COLLABORATING MDAS AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS SUPPORT US IN IMPROVING THE HEALTH OUTCOMES OF EDO PEOPLE.



Saluting the Dedication of Our Healthworkers

We wish to dedicate this final page to the heartbeat of our healthcare system—the esteemed primary health workers of Edo State. In the face of challenges, they remain unwavering, tirelessly working to ensure the health and well-being of the people of Edo. Their selfless contributions often go unnoticed, but their impact resonates profoundly within the communities they serve.

To our primary health workers, you are the silent champions, the healers, and the guardians of well-being. Your commitment to your noble profession does not go unnoticed. Each patient you attend to, every life you touch, today, we honor you for the extraordinary work you do. We salute you.



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Edo State commences HPV Vaccination in 2024

Human Papilloma Virus
Vaccination is targeted at
girls between ages 9-14 years
to ensure protection against
Cervical Cancer.



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Hope you enjoyed this Edition. See you in the Next One.

We provide the latest Primary healthcare news through this newsletter, Don't miss our next edition which promises to be interesting. We tell real stories, of real people, in the primary

health care landscape in Edo State. Don't Miss out on any update. This is a New Dawn in Edo State Primary Healthcare. Watch Out For Us!

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