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The Success Story of Ekiti State
Health Insurance Scheme



Filani: A Trailblazer





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To put in place appropriate health plans and programs that will ensure access of all Ekiti residents to qualitative and affordable health care services through collective pooling and redistribution of financial resources.

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We are delighted to present the first edition of the Ekiti State Health Insurance Scheme (EKHIS) newsletter, EKHIS News. This publication marks an exciting milestone in our journey towards improving healthcare access and quality for the people of Ekiti State.

In the wake of a rapidly evolving healthcare landscape, EKHIS was established with a vision to ensure that every resident of Ekiti State has access to affordable and high-quality healthcare services. We recognize the importance of keeping our stakeholders informed about the progress we are making toward this vision. Thus, the newsletter will serve as a valuable platform for sharing insights, updates, and success stories about our agency's activities and achievements.

In this edition, we have curated a collection of articles and reports that highlight the collaborative efforts of the State Government, the Ministry of Health and Human Services, EKHIS, and our esteemed partners in the field of health insurance. Together, we are working tirelessly to bridge the gaps in healthcare access and delivery across the state.

We are proud to announce that our efforts have resulted in increased healthcare coverage, reducing the financial burden on families and individuals while improving the overall health outcomes of our community.

In addition to showcasing our own achievements, this newsletter also serves as a platform to acknowledge the valuable contributions of our partners, both governmental and non-governmental organizations, who play a pivotal role in making Ekiti State healthier. Their dedication to the cause of accessible healthcare is truly commendable, and we are grateful for their support.

Going forward, our commitment to transparency,

accountability, and excellence remains unwavering. We will continue to strive for excellence in the administration of healthcare services, ensuring that every citizen of Ekiti State can access healthcare without fear of financial hardship.

We encourage you, our readers, to explore the various sections of this newsletter to gain a deeper understanding of our journey, our achievements, and our vision for the future. Your feedback and suggestions are invaluable to us, as they will help us enhance the content and relevance of future editions.

In conclusion, as we embark on this exciting journey of quarterly newsletters, we look forward to sharing our progress and celebrating the strides we make in our pursuit of a healthier Ekiti State. We are confident that with the continued support and collaboration of our partners and stakeholders, we will achieve our goal of making quality healthcare a reality for all.

Thank you for joining us on this journey, and we hope you find this inaugural edition informative and inspiring.

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Editor

GOVERNOR OYEBANJI'S GROUND BREAKING HEALTHCARE INITIATIVE:

Re-echoes BHCPF and ULERAWA during IMPACT-Project Launch



Governor Biodun Oyeibanji of Ekiti State has taken a significant step towards improving healthcare access at the grassroots level by presenting a cheque of N4.6 million to each of the 177 Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities across the state.

This initiative aims to ensure affordable and high-quality healthcare services for the people of Ekiti. During the launch of the 'Impact Project,' which received support from the World Bank.

Governor Oyeibanji emphasized his administration's dedication to delivering top-notch healthcare services to the populace.

He stated that this project aligns with the state's human capital development objectives and complements existing programs such as Ulerawa (the flagship health insurance program), the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF), and the IMPACT Malaria project, all geared towards reducing maternal and child mortality in the state.

Governor Oyeibanji praised the World Bank for its extensive support across various sectors in the

state and urged the benefiting communities to utilize the funds judiciously. He emphasized the state government's commitment to reducing mortality rates by 2030 through a range of supply and demand side interventions, including Ulerawa, which aims to provide comprehensive primary care services to one million people by 2025.

Dr. Oyeibanji Filani, the Commissioner for Health and Human Services, commended the World Bank's contributions to the state's health and other sectors. He affirmed that this project aligns with Governor Biodun Oyeibanji's administration's agenda to invest more in PHCs for the benefit of the citizens.



Ekiti State Government Steps Up Sensitization Program On BHCPF And ULERAWA



In a concerted effort to enhance healthcare service delivery in Ekiti State, the state government has intensified its awareness campaigns regarding two pivotal programs: the Basic Health Care Provision Fund and Ulerawa.

Dr. Oyebanji Filani, the Commissioner for Health, spearheaded the state government's health team's visit to Ido Osi, Ise Orun, Ikole, and Oye Local Government Areas.

He emphasized that these twin programs

aim to "offer complimentary healthcare services to our citizens across 177 Public Health Centres throughout the state."

Services such as maternal health care like antenatal care, delivery, post-natal services, family planning, immunization, child care, nutrition as well as malaria treatments for all categories of people, collection of cards, consultation, and laboratory tests are all free of charge at those facilities," Dr. Filani said.

A BEACON OF PROGRESS AND INNOVATION:

Ekiti State Health Insurance Scheme welcomes
New General Manager, Dr. Olusegun Doherty



With a wealth of experience and an illustrious track record in public health management, Charles Olusegun Doherty steps into a new role as the General Manager of the Ekiti State Health Insurance Scheme. Doherty's journey is defined by his transformative leadership, exceptional skills, and unyielding commitment to improving healthcare accessibility and quality for the people of Ekiti State.

A Proven Leader in Public Health:

Doherty's previous role as the General Manager of the Ekiti State AIDS Control Agency (EKSACA) is a

testament to his leadership prowess. During his tenure from September 2021 to July 2023, Doherty led a multi-disciplinary team that orchestrated a remarkable decline in the state's HIV prevalence rate according to the National HIV and AIDS and Reproductive Health surveys (NARHS). His commitment to the agency's mission demonstrated through his ability to oversee all aspects of its work, led to the achievement of ambitious project goals.

An Astute Program Manager:

Doherty's journey at EKSACA was marked by his role as the Program Manager from January 2010 to

September 2021. Here, he managed the World Bank/Ekiti State HPDP Project, overseeing a significant budget of \$7,000,000. His responsibilities mirrored those of his subsequent role as the General Manager, reflecting his consistent commitment to strategic planning, financial oversight, and effective stakeholder collaboration.

A Well-Rounded Medical Professional:

Charles's multifaceted medical career established a robust groundwork for his path in leadership. Serving in different hospitals both in Nigeria and abroad, he not only demonstrated his clinical proficiency but also revealed his unwavering dedication to patient well-being. His tenure in managing the Kopul Dental Clinic in Lagos went on to refine his managerial acumen and enhance his operational expertise.

Educational Excellence:

Charles's academic achievements underscore his dedication to continuous learning and growth. Holding a Master of Public Health from the University of Central Nicaragua, a Master of Public Administration from Ekiti State University, and a certified Program Manager from the National Centre for Professional Development, Dubai, UAE, he possesses a unique blend of global health perspectives and local governance insights. His Bachelor of Dental Surgery from Obafemi Awolowo University established a strong foundation for his healthcare career.

Champion of Collaboration:

The new GM's engagement in numerous conferences and collaborations reflects his commitment to fostering partnerships that drive progress. From attending the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa to collaborating with renowned organizations like the World Health Organization and World Bank, Charles's leadership style is marked by a global perspective and a dedication to cross-disciplinary cooperation.

A Published Authority:

His contributions to public health literature have far-reaching implications. His publications on



overcoming communication barriers in HIV prevention and his critical assessment of integrating alternative birth attendants into PMTCT programs highlight his intellectual prowess and thought leadership in critical areas of healthcare.

Advocacy and Community Engagement:

Doherty's extensive memberships in clubs, organizations, and committees reinforce his commitment to community engagement and advocacy. As the Chairman of the Ekiti State Sex Offenders Database High-Level Multi-Agency Task Team (HIMAT), he tackles complex societal issues head-on, showcasing his determination to effect positive change.

A Vision for the Future:

As Charles Olusegun Doherty steps into his role as the General Manager of the Ekiti State Health Insurance Scheme, his history of impactful leadership, strategic planning, and collaborative efforts sets the stage for a new chapter in healthcare management. His holistic approach to healthcare, paired with his visionary leadership, is poised to shape a healthier and more inclusive future for the people of Ekiti State.

Honoring Mrs. Olanike OJO:

A Champion for Ulerawa and BHCPF Programs



On the 20th of September 2023, Dr. Oyebanji Filani, the Ekiti State Commissioner of Health & Human Services, extended a warm welcome to Mrs. Olanike Ojo, who serves as the Officer in charge of Okeruku Health Post in Ikere-Ekiti. This special occasion was dedicated to recognizing and celebrating her outstanding contributions to the promotion of the Ulerawa and Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) programs within her facility at Okeruku Health Post, Ikere Ekiti.

Dr. Filani, in his capacity as the Honorable Commissioner, expressed his heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Ojo for her personal commitment to mobilizing and sensitizing individuals, encouraging them to enroll and participate in the two vital health intervention

programs. Her dedication and efforts have significantly benefited the community.

During this gathering, the Commissioner also called upon all facility leaders and stakeholders within our Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCs) to take inspiration from Mrs. Ojo's exemplary work. He emphasized the importance of creating widespread awareness about these crucial programs to ensure broader and more effective coverage across the state.

Dr. Filani assured everyone present that he would continue to acknowledge and honor healthcare workers throughout the state who exhibit exceptional performance. Such dedication, he noted, is instrumental in providing the highest quality healthcare services to the citizens of our great state.



EKSG HANDS OUT WORKING TOOLS TO HEALTH WORKERS



Biodun Oyebanji Led government has distributed working tools worth millions of Naira to some health workers in the State.



The working tools include 35 units of laptop computers, 30 units of mobile tablets, 1 Human size medical mannequin for life saving, 4 video transmitters and receivers, and 30,000 Ulerawa cards.

Others are Maternal care tools , RCM Manuals and Information Education and Communication Materials, 3-in-1 Printers and 58 Anti-Shock garments.



The offices and officers that benefitted from the gesture include local Government Measurement and Evaluation Officers, Logistics Officers, Ulerawa programmes in some Public Health Centres across the state, Reproductive Health Units, State Primary Health Care Development Agency, Three Tertiary Hospitals, 22 secondary facilities, and two Public Health Centres in each local government area.

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AND SENSITIZATION ON BHCPS and ULERAWA (IDO/OSI, Ise-Orun, Ikole and Oye)



Advocacy by the Health Facility Management Committee to the Hon. Commissioner for Health



TRAINING: Step Down Training on BHCPF and *Ulerawa*



TRAINING:

On BHCPF and *Ulerawa* for Health-Care Workers in Ekiti State



UNVEILING ULERAWA: A Showcase of Delivery Triumphs



ADVOCACY VISITS

Clinton Health Access Initiative



Olanipekun Ayomide (O.A.) Initiative during its visit to EKHIS office, Ado-Ekiti



National Health Insurance Authority during her visit to Ekiti State

DPD's support to the Ekiti State Health Insurance Scheme as it scales up Ulerawa-Its free health insurance program 16 LGAs.



Dr. Chukwuemeka Azubuiké

In the pursuit of expanding "Ulerawa" across all LGAs in Ekiti State, the Ekiti State Health Insurance Agency partnered with Devstork Platform for Development (DPD). DPD, a development consulting platform with highly qualified and extensively trained consultants, provides cost-effective consultancy solutions aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to address Africa's most pressing challenges. DPD focuses on critical SDG areas, including Healthcare and WASH, Food Security, Development Financing, Gender Equality, Education and Literacy, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability. DPD's innovative freelance marketplace, dpdonline.ng, bridges the gap between mission-driven organizations and skilled development consultants, addressing key talent-related challenges in Africa.

Its mandate with the Ekiti State Health Insurance Scheme involved Four key objectives:

1. Understanding and addressing gaps in healthcare access
2. Developing standard operating protocols for Ulerawa's business processes.
3. Building capacity among health providers and the Ulerawa Support team, and
4. Providing support to scale up coverage from 5 to 16 LGAs.

The pre-implementation phase, which spanned April- June 2023, laid the foundation for a dynamic implementation starting in July 2023 and lasting till February 2024. Its approach focuses on community mobilization, process improvement in the areas of claims management, comprehensive training of health workers, supportive supervision of health workers, and

performance management to revolutionize the Ulerawa program.

So far in the implementation phase, DPD has conducted Trainings of OICs and Records Officers, provided Technical & Financial Support for Claims vetting, Complaint management, Supportive supervision, Community Mobilization, and tracked progress on a monthly and quarterly basis. Corrective actions are planned based on these assessments. Its advisory on a strategic roadmap emphasizes quick wins, short-term goals, and intermediate-term objectives to expand, enhance quality, and ensure sustainability. It aims to scale up Ulerawa from 12,000 to 100,000 lives and cover all 177 facilities in the 16 LGAs by November 2023. This support is underpinned by collaboration, community engagement, and robust quality assurance measures, all enabled by the government's strong commitment, innovation, and execution agility.

Our collective achievements

1. Designed and implemented the Ulerawa Manual- A handbook of process improvement measures for the scheme.
2. Supported 3 rounds of training for Officers in Charge and Data entry officers in all 177 Facilities in the state.
3. Since July 2023, supported the vetting over 46,000 claims, with only 9.5% of total claims vetted being rejected (4,356 rejected claims).
4. Supported the establishment of an effective complaint management system and conducted 116 community visits, reaching over 11,000 people.
5. Provided advisory and a strategic roadmap for the government to achieve Ulerawa coverage to 100,000 lives by November 2023.
6. Commencing inter-LGA performance assessments at the end of October 2023 to assess the performance of LGAs across key performance indicators. This assessment will inform an inter-LGA mentorship system between highly performing LGA and poorly performing ones.

Thank you for your support and partnership in this journey towards improved healthcare access and quality. Together, we are making a significant impact on the lives of the people of Ekiti State and the broader community. At DPD, we're turning our vision into reality, one step at a time, and it's only the beginning of our transformative journey in Ekiti State. Together, we're building a healthier and more vibrant future for the people we serve.

OLANIPEKUN AYOMIDE (O.A) INITIATIVE

Bringing succor to Sickle Cell Disease.

Olanipekun Ayomide (O.A) initiative is a registered Non-Profit Organisation with the Corporate Affairs Commission. Its primary goals are to provide access to healthcare, encourage healthy living, and increase knowledge about Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) in Ekiti State. The organization is run by a woman, and the visionary's home state of Ekiti State serves as its headquarters.

Our vision: To live in a society free of sickle cell disease, providing accessible and affordable health care for existing People with Sickle Cell Disease.

Our mission: O.A. Initiative is committed to raising awareness and funds to support research, education and treatment for SCD and its patients. Our goal is to reach as many people as possible and make a meaningful impact on the lives of those affected by SCD.

COLLABORATION WITH EKITI STATE HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME:

On February 23rd, 2023 OA initiative came into partnership with Ekiti State Health Insurance Scheme to enroll sickle cell warriors in the state into the health insurance scheme, for the purpose of living active, full and purposeful lives without regret or setbacks as a result of their health issues (SDG3).

On May 3rd 2023, we were successful in launching the enrolment in the state. This partnership led to the establishment of an interoperable database. The database has been instrumental to enrolment

of people with Sickle Cell Disease in Ekiti State into the Free Medical Program. Additionally, the database was created with the goal of providing information for government and other important stakeholders to develop and implement Sickle Cell Disease policies in Ekiti State.

As of August 31st, 2023, we had enrolled more than 500 individuals with sickle cell disease in Ekiti State, of whom more than 400 have finished enrolment and begun using free healthcare services at primary and secondary health facilities in the state whenever they need medical care.

TESTIMONIES

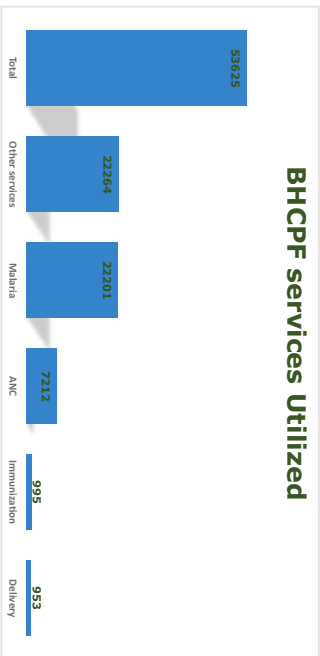
I want to Appreciate your body for the bold step to see that Sickle Cell patients are well taken care through your Organization and EKHIS. God is your Strength in Jesus Name Amen. - From **Akomolafe Taiwo Happiness parents.**

My name is **Babatope Ore from Ifaki Ekiti**, I want to thank the founder and all the workers of this, and EKHIS, I appreciate your effort & the great assistant you render for us, God will continue to bless all of you, they have discharged my children this morning and I'm really happy, thank you all.

I have been sick since last week Thursday (14th September, 2023) and I informed them, which I was told to go to where I registered and I did so. From there I was referred to a general hospital and I was treated there. To cut my story short my treatment was paid for, in fact they helped me to get a voluntary blood donor because I needed to be transfused. - **Miss Christainah**

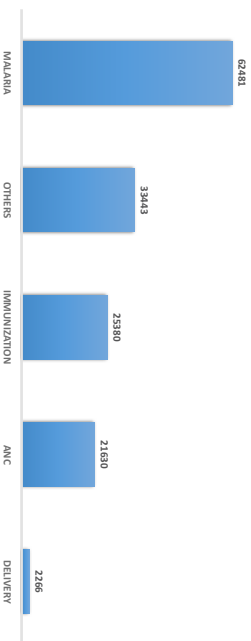


BHCPF services Utilized



Source: Ulerowo Health Insurance Reporting Platform

145,200 health care services have been delivered to beneficiaries of Ekiti State Health Insurance Scheme



Source: Ulerowo Health Insurance Reporting Platform

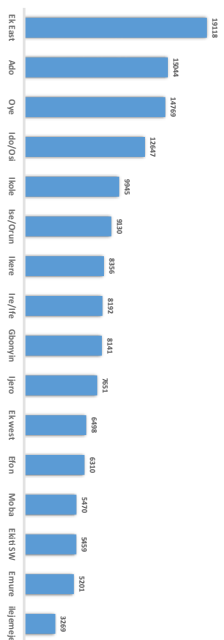
Conclusion

We discovered that the major hindrance to non-utilization of government health facilities was the financial barrier among the citizens. The ULERAWA health intervention of the Ekiti State Government through the Ekiti State Health Insurance Scheme will ensure that all residents of Ekiti state has access to quality health care services and protect them from financial hardship of huge medical bills.



Ekiti State Health Insurance Scheme have delivered over 145,000 services across all the LGAs in Ekiti State

Ekiti State Health Insurance Scheme Coverage across LGAs in Ekiti State



Source: Ulerowo Health Insurance Reporting Platform



Oyeyemi Ogunyemi

TRAILBLAZING EXCELLENCE: CELEBRATING THE VISION AND IMPACT OF A GAME CHANGER ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Dr. Oyebanji Filani, a distinguished Global Health Leader and MD with an extensive 17-year background in health financing and pioneering health systems reforms. Presently holding the esteemed position of Honourable Commissioner for Health and Human Services in Ekiti State, Nigeria, Dr. Filani is a strategic thought leader with a proven history of leadership and an in-depth comprehension of the intricate challenges within the global health landscape.

In 2020, he assumed the role of Commissioner for Health and Human Services in Ekiti State, achieving a remarkable feat by boosting development partner investments in the state's health sector by over 300%. Under his guidance, Ekiti State garnered recognition as the best-performing state in the country for disease surveillance and response. Dr. Filani's visionary leadership incorporated a systems-thinking approach, marked by the establishment of Nigeria's first Governance Innovation Accelerator Challenge in collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Governance Lab and Co-Creation Hub.

Serving as the Technical Director of the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) from 2019 to 2020, Dr. Filani provided thought leadership, drove the implementation, and ensured the achievement of performance indicators across all 36 states in Nigeria. As the Senior Adviser to the immediate past Federal Minister of Health from 2016 to 2019, he played a pivotal role in mobilizing an annual \$180 million in domestic and development partner resources under the BHCPF.

Dr. Filani's commitment is evident in his participation in various committees, including the World Bank/USAID-led Annual Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Forum and the Advisory Committee for the Strategic Purchasing Africa Resource Center (SPARC). He also contributed to shaping a global Health Equity Program of Action through his role on the Advisory Board.

In October 2022, Dr. Filani was re-appointed as the Commissioner for Health and Human Services in Ekiti State. In his role as the Chairperson of the Nigeria Health Commissioners Forum, he has spearheaded transformative strategies for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) across states, fostering collaboration, experience sharing and learning for improved national and sub-national development. His initiatives include the establishment of the Nigeria State Health Leadership Collaborative and key meetings to enhance coordination and resources for primary health care delivery. Dr. Filani continues to champion intra-sectoral collaboration, strategic leadership alignment, and the engagement of development partners to expand UHC in the coming years, serving as a crucial liaison between sub-national and national governments for improved health system coordination and delivery.

Ekiti State Health Insurance crew appreciates you for your dedication to healthcare in Ekiti State, and we appreciate your invaluable contributions. May this year bring you even more success and fulfillment.





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