



PACFaH @Scale project

The Partnership for Advocacy in Child and Family Health @ Scale (PACFaH @ Scale) is a one (1) year (January 2018 – January 2019) intervention aimed at contributing to strengthening the Nigeria Health System by creating an environment of responsiveness and accountability through the sustainable, goal directed and evidence based actions of indigenous Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), holding government at national and state levels to account for its pledges, commitments and standards in child and family health.

It came as a follow-on to PACFaH project with overarching goal to strengthen indigenous CSOs to form strong supportive partnerships which will work together to advocate for accountability, transparency and responsiveness of government at the national and state levels in the area of policy, budgets and administrative regulations for child and family health.

The main thrust of the PACFaH project was evidence-based advocacy conducted jointly by the coalition partners and focused on four key areas that impact on child and family health namely – family planning (FP), nutrition, routine immunization and childhood killer diseases with special focus on pneumonia and diarrhoea.

AAFP led the FP advocacy of the PACFaH project. One key achievement was the formation of a FP CSO coalition by a crop of CSOs who hitherto did not lend their voices to FP but later became FP advocates.

PACFaH @ Scale (PAS) project envisions a strengthened institutionalization of accountability mechanisms and standards in the renewed FP Blueprint (2019-2023) and in the review of FP related policies such as the Task Shifting Policy and operational plan by identifying possible engagement strategy for CSOs in the review and implementation process.

AAFP is working at developing a CSO Engagement Strategy and Accountability Mechanism that will be incorporated into the new FP Blueprint. This will contribute towards the current focus by the federal government of achieving a Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) of 27% by 2020 by using the right based approach.