

EMERGING MARKETS

Healthcare: Federal Government Disburses Over ₦32 Billion to Strengthen Primary Healthcare Delivery

Federal Government announced the disbursement of over ₦32 billion under the Basic Healthcare Provision Fund (BHCPF) to support the expansion and improvement of primary healthcare services across Nigeria. The initiative forms part of the Government's broader health sector renewal efforts aimed at improving access to quality care at the community level. The programme is expected to strengthen frontline service delivery, improve facility readiness, and ensure that healthcare resources translate into measurable service outcomes, particularly at the primary healthcare level where most Nigerians first access care. This development is also consistent with the Government's continued emphasis on universal health

coverage, better health financing, and more effective service delivery systems.

Comment

This is a positive signal for the healthcare market, particularly for investors, operators, development partners, and service providers involved in primary care infrastructure, diagnostics, supply chain management, and healthcare technology. Increased public funding at the primary care level may create stronger opportunities for private sector participation through service partnerships, procurement, health-tech deployment, and performance-based healthcare models.

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Federal Ministry of Education Deepens TVET Initiative to Promote Industry-Relevant Skills



The Federal Ministry of Education continues to advance its Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Initiative as part of ongoing efforts to equip Nigerians with industry-relevant technical and vocational skills. Information published on the Ministry's TVET platform indicates that the initiative offers tuition-free training, monthly stipends, and start-up support in selected

trades in high-demand sectors. This reflects a deliberate policy direction toward practical skills development, workforce readiness, and improved access to vocational education. In parallel, the Ministry's Technology and Science Education Department continues to oversee policy formulation, curriculum standards, and stakeholder collaboration in technical and vocational education, including the development of the National Vocational Qualifications System and skills-based programmes.

Comment

This initiative reflects the Federal Government's continued emphasis on practical skills development and employment-oriented education. By supporting tuition-free vocational training, stipends, and start-up pathways, the programme may improve access to

technical education and strengthen workforce preparedness. Stakeholders in the education and training sector should monitor implementation closely, particularly in relation to funding continuity, infrastructure, and the long-term sustainability of the initiative.

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Nigeria Introduces Long-Acting HIV Prevention Option to Strengthen National Response

On 31 March 2026, Nigeria introduced Lenacapavir, a new long-acting injectable medicine for HIV prevention, as part of efforts to reduce new infections and strengthen the country's HIV response. The Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare launched the intervention with the support of the World Health Organization (WHO), the Global Fund, PEPFAR, and other partners. The rollout is aligned with the Health Sector Renewal Investment Initiative and the National HIV/AIDS Strategic Framework 2023–2027, both of which prioritise expanded access to effective prevention tools, reduced inequalities, and stronger integration of HIV services into primary healthcare.

Lenacapavir is administered as a single injection every six months, offering an alternative to daily oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), which many users have found difficult to maintain due to stigma, adherence challenges, and access barriers. Nigeria, which has an estimated 1.9 million people living with HIV, is among the first nine countries globally to adopt the intervention. The first phase of implementation will commence in Benue, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Ebonyi, Gombe, Kwara, Cross River, and the Federal Capital Territory, following assessments of over 70 health facilities across

10 states to determine preparedness for PrEP delivery.

Comment

This development shows the value of leadership, data and strong partnership. It also reflects Nigeria's growing commitment to expanding access to innovative HIV prevention options and strengthening public health delivery. By introducing a long-acting alternative to daily oral PrEP, the Government may improve adherence, reduce stigma, and widen access among vulnerable populations. Stakeholders in the healthcare sector should monitor the rollout closely, particularly in relation to implementation, supply continuity, and service integration within primary healthcare systems.

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