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Supporting Kaduna's Vision for Health Equity Through Data-Driven Reforms

With the development of the Healthcare Financing Dashboard, Kaduna State aims to close data gaps and offer stakeholders a clear, concise view of financial allocations and healthcare expenditures. For example, the dashboard will allow policymakers to monitor health expenditures in real time and compare released funds to those received by healthcare facilities. This will enable the identification of bottlenecks in fund disbursement and highlight areas where additional support is necessary, particularly in underserved rural areas.

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- **Gates Foundation's Senior Officer Visits Kaduna to Assess NFTI's Longitudinal Study**
During his visit, Dr. William had several meetings with key stakeholders, NFTI data analysts, and government officials to better understand the scope and objectives of the study. His interactions with NFTI's data analysts in the situation room were insightful, as he provided valuable feedback on the design of the questionnaire, the structure of the data collection roster, and strategies to improve the overall study process.

At NFTI, we put in a lot of work to ensure that the **Click-On Kaduna** Data Science Fellowship Program is top-notch, giving young people a voice in building a better future for themselves and their communities. Each fellow's successes demonstrate our commitment and passion for leveraging data to advance sustainable development.

Data: A powerful weapon in the fight against malnutrition in Africa.

If we solve malnutrition, we make it easier to solve every other problem. - Bill Gates.

By Olubunmi Olorunpomi

Bill Gates during the GateKeepers Summit in September 2024 described malnutrition as "the greatest health inequity in the world."

Watching the Gates Foundation co-chair close the Gatekeepers 2024 summit with this statement does put things in perspective. It reminds us that while the road ahead is challenging, the collective impact of global collaboration, innovation, and determination can drive real change. It's a call to action for all of us to acknowledge the issues around poverty and hunger and actively contribute to building an equitable and sustainable future.

Africa grapples with malnutrition, and it demands unique interventions. Sadly, without quality data, we are simply winking in the dark. It is impossible to find a solution to a problem you can't see. Several advanced countries have benefited from using data to fight malnutrition by collecting data on important nutrition indicators on a regular and frequent basis. The data is used to guide decisions on programs and policies, which is important.
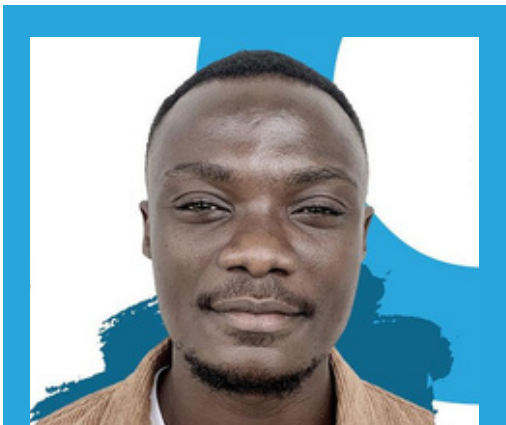
One of the best things that can happen for societal growth is better nutrition. It starts a positive circle of social and economic changes that make it easier for citizens to fulfill their dreams. Don't take my word for it, take a look at the impact of school feeding programs when done right. Through NFTI's 'Data for Social Good' initiatives, we will always be ready to harness the power of data to support governments in making evidence-based policies and interventions that can combat malnutrition. It's all in a bid to accelerate the progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ensuring no one is left behind in the fight against poverty and hunger.

NFTI Commences 6-Month Study to Assess PHF Readiness in Kaduna

The Natview Foundation for Technology Innovation (NFTI) has commenced a six-month longitudinal study aimed at evaluating the operational readiness and data systems of public health facilities (PHFs) across three Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Kaduna State. The study is assessing non-clinical primary health care (PHC) readiness, with a special focus on Human Resources for Health (HRH), Supply Chain Management (SCM), and the associated data systems.

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Spotlight
Bolaji Oladapo

Bolaji is particularly enthusiastic about leveraging his skills in data analytics, especially with the emerging potential of generative AI, a field he believes will be crucial to future innovation.

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