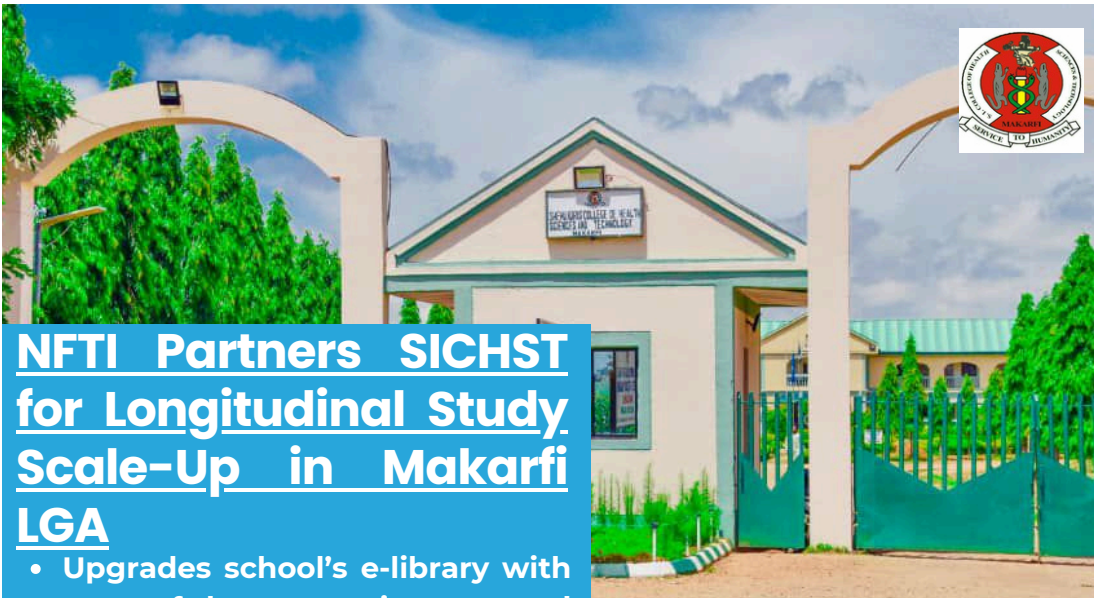


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NFTI Partners SICHST for Longitudinal Study Scale-Up in Makarfi LGA

- Upgrades school's e-library with state-of-the-art equipment and solar energy installations.
- Set to provide training, tools, and resources, including tablets, mobile data, and stipends for participants, to facilitate seamless data collection over the six-month study period.
- To host workshops and mentoring sessions to establish a Community of Practice (CoP) for data management, empowering students to join a global network of data enthusiasts.

NFTI Hosts Focused Group Discussion on Vaccines and Essential Drugs Process Flow with Health Sector Stakeholders



To address challenges faced in the process flow of essential drugs and vaccines, the Natview Foundation for Technology and Innovation recently organized a focused group discussion with key health sector stakeholders in Kaduna State. The meeting brought together cold chain officers, LGA monitoring and evaluation officers, LGA drug officers, and essential drug officers from Kaduna North, Kaduna South, and Chikun LGAs.

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Redefining Governance Culture for Strategic Action

By Olubunmi Olorunpomi

Growing up as a child in northern Nigeria, I can vividly recall the scramble that would ensue in the neighborhood whenever we heard the horn of the candy floss seller (popularly known as alewa in the Hausa language). Kids would dash indoors, begging their parents for spare change, while others frantically searched under couch cushions and other places where we hid money we got from our grandparents. The arrival of the seller was always unpredictable, as he came around only once in a long while, and our reaction was always the same: chaotic and rushed, often leaving us with nothing. Looking back, it's amusing how a little foresight, like setting aside a coin in anticipation, could have saved us the frenzy. Unfortunately, many governments worldwide operate in this manner; responding reactively to socio-economic issues.

Imagine a different scenario where we knew the seller's schedule and were prepared in advance. That's the power of being proactive versus reactive, and on a much larger scale, this is where data comes in for governments.

Governments have to cope with a wide range of concerns, including public health crises, climate change, unemployment, and infrastructure development. To effectively address these difficulties, governments must shift away from reactive, ad-hoc measures and toward proactive, data-driven policies. But what exactly does it mean for a government to be proactive rather than reactive, and how does data play an important role in this transformation?

Historically, most African governments have been reactive. They would react to crises or challenges as they occurred, frequently searching for solutions after the fact.

This method is not only inefficient but also expensive, both financially and socially. For example, responding to a natural disaster without proper planning can result in severe losses in terms of lives, infrastructure, and resources. Reactive governance frequently traps governments in an endless loop of crisis management. This system of governance isn't inherently bad, but it is often considered less effective compared to proactive governance. Responding swiftly to emergencies or unanticipated problems is possible under reactive governance. Because they don't adhere strictly to pre-set plans but instead swiftly adapt to changing reality, reactive techniques often show flexibility.

Proactive governance entails predicting problems before they escalate into crises. It is about foreseeing potential problems, assessing risks, and taking preemptive actions to mitigate or even eliminate those issues. Governments that take a proactive approach can improve resource allocation, boost public trust, and secure better outcomes for their communities.

You might have heard the classic adage, "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." The same reasoning applies to not investing in evidence-based policymaking. Ignorance—whether purposeful or owing to a lack of robust data—has a high cost. When governments rely on guesswork or outdated techniques rather than evidence, they risk inefficient resource allocation, ineffective interventions, and exacerbated societal problems. Investing in extensive data gathering and analysis, on the other hand, ensures that policies are smart, proactive responses to real-world difficulties rather than reactive stopgaps. Evidence-based decisions ultimately save money, time, and, most importantly, lives.

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That the 2024/2025 Click-On Kaduna Data Science Fellowship Program, DSFP 4.0, has been a significant improvement from previous years, as the KDBS and NFTI have worked hard to redefine the ideal fellowship experience. This year, fellows have more time to dive deeply into the core modules, ensuring they gain mastery over critical skills in data science. In addition, they are gaining practical experience that is reflective of the difficulties experienced by the public service and data science industry as a whole by tackling a variety of real-life projects and case studies.

With NFTI's partnership with DataCamp, fellows now have access to world-class courses and certifications, while expert instructors, sourced from across Nigeria, are guiding them every step of the way. Plus, with improved stipends and internet data support, DSFP 4.0 fellows can focus fully on their learning and personal growth.



KADHSMA, NFTI, and Other Key Stakeholders, Collaborates to Streamline Stock Reporting for PHCs



Spotlight

Mudathir Salahudeen

"I'm constantly thinking about how I can change the system, and in my role at NFTI, I feel empowered to make a real impact. It's about getting to the 'Yes'—a simple answer backed by accurate data that can drive change for social good."



As part of the initiative to enhance the efficiency of the healthcare supply chain, a committee established during the Kaduna State Supply Chain Management workshop in Kano State last June is assisting the state in optimizing a comprehensive stock reporting template for health commodities. This template is designed for use by all health facilities in the state, piloting in the 255 Primary Healthcare Centers to ensure a standardized and seamless approach to data collection across all facilities. [Read More](#)

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