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SPHCB, NFTI Hold Learning Session to Strengthen Biometric Attendance Rollout Across Kaduna PHCs

The Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Board (SPHCB) and the Natview Foundation for Technology Innovation (NFTI) successfully hosted the HRHMIS Biometrics Project Learning Session at Almara Hub, Kaduna. The event featured state officials, NFTI's project team, and Local Technical Assistants (LTAs) from the 23 pilot Primary Health Centres (PHCs) to take stock of the biometric attendance tracking rollout, share field experiences, and agree on refinements for smoother implementation.

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DSFP 5.0 Expands to 45 Fellows as Kaduna Gets Set to Welcome More Data Innovators



In a remarkable development, the Click-On Kaduna Data Science Fellowship Programme (DSFP) 5.0 has expanded its intake for the 2025/2026 cohort. Originally set to select 40 fellows, the programme has now approved an additional five slots, bringing the total number of fellows for this year to 45.



The Healthcare Worker the Mother, and the Ticking Clock:

On a quiet morning, Amira arrived at the local health clinic, clutching her feverish child tightly against her chest. Her heart pounded with worry as she approached the building, only to find the doors locked. She sat on the wooden bench outside, rocking her child gently, whispering prayers under her breath, and watching the minutes crawl by. Finally, the doors creaked open. A health worker arrived at the clinic late and without a word of explanation. Amira experienced a mixture of relief and frustration as she finally gained access to care. Each minute of waiting had felt like an eternity, and she struggled afterwards to overcome the sense of disappointment she experienced when she most needed healthcare assistance.

In emergencies where every second can determine life or death, the absence of a health worker accelerates the risk of a potential tragedy. Each moment lost to absence can be the difference between a life saved and a life slipping away. This is the unseen cost of absenteeism in Nigeria's healthcare system: a mother who fears she might lose her child while waiting, a father who spends his last money on transport only to return home without medicine, and the communities whose trust in the health system grows thinner with workers missing at their duty posts. The rate of absenteeism creates a painful divide between the care people seek and the care they receive.

Primary healthcare facilities in Sub-Saharan Africa are particularly affected by the critical shortage of healthcare workers. The persistent issue of absenteeism among healthcare workers exacerbates this challenge. Absenteeism is generally understood as a voluntary failure to report for duty while not officially excused, excluding situations such as illness, approved leave, or other unavoidable obligations that result in an involuntary absence from duty. ([Belita, Mbindyo & English, 2013](#)).

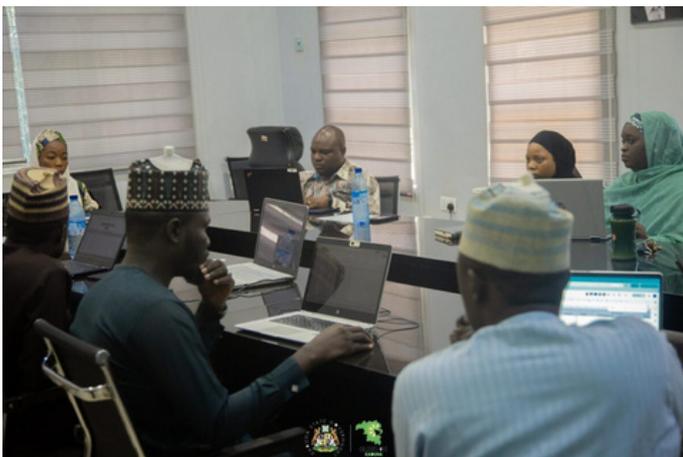
A World Bank working group study revealed that in ten Sub-Saharan African countries, including Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, and Uganda, only about 70% of healthcare workers were present in clinics during scheduled working hours. This is especially concerning given that the region shoulders roughly 25% of the global disease burden yet has just 3% of the world's healthcare workforce to respond to it. Absenteeism among such a limited pool of health workers deepens the crisis, restricting access to care and further straining already fragile systems ([WHO, 2009](#)). [Read More](#)

Kaduna Convenes Technical Workshop to Shape 2025 Household and Child Poverty Survey

The Kaduna State Bureau of Statistics (KDBS) hosted a multi-stakeholder technical workshop aimed at refining the indicators and tools for the upcoming 2025 Kaduna General Household and Child Poverty Survey (KDGHCPS).

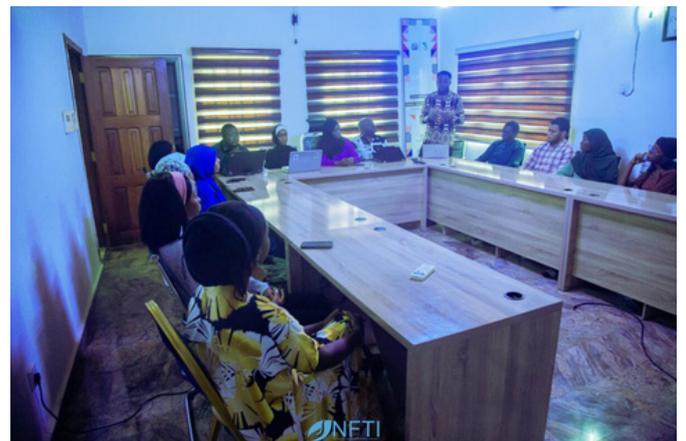


DSFP 5.0 Finalists Advance to Interview Stage of Prestigious Fellowship



The 2025/2026 Click-On Kaduna Data Science Fellowship Programme (DSFP 5.0) has entered its final and most decisive stage, the interviews. Following a competitive application process that began in June with over 5,430 applicants, only the most outstanding candidates have made it to this crucial phase.

NFTI Engages 11 Junior Data Analysts from DSFP 4.0



In a continued effort to nurture data talent and drive evidence-based policy in Nigeria, the Natview Foundation for Technology Innovation (NFTI) has engaged 11 fellows from the 2024/2025 Click-On Kaduna Data Science Fellowship Programme (DSFP 4.0) as Intern Junior Data Analysts.