



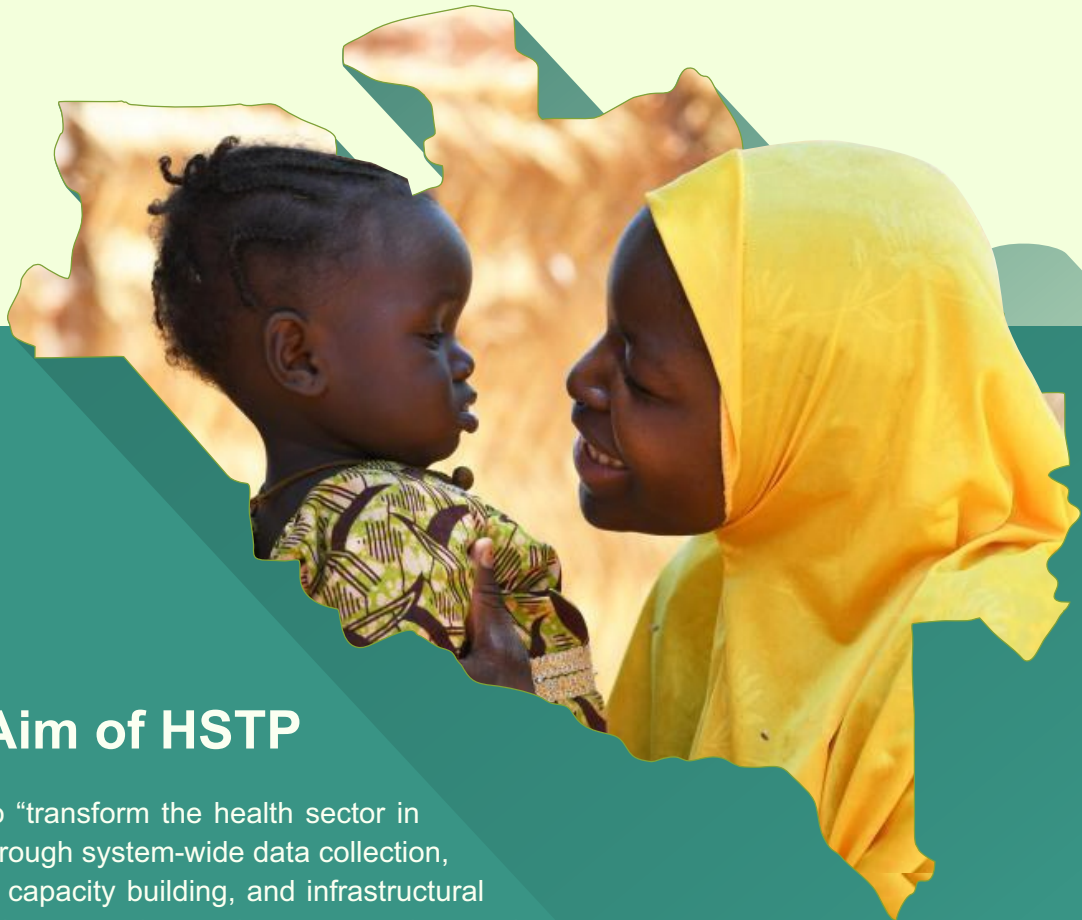
Health Sector Transformation Programme (HSTP)



1. Introduction

The **Health Sector Transformation Programme (HSTP)** is a revolutionary initiative by the Niger State Government, spearheaded by His **Excellency, Farmer Governor Umaru Mohammed Bago** through the *Niger State Ministry for Primary Health Care* led by the **Honourable Commissioner – Dr Ibrahim Ahmed Dangana**, and the *Niger State Ministry of Secondary and Tertiary Health* led by the **Honourable Commissioner – Dr Bello Tukur**. MRL[®] Public Sector Consultants Limited (MRL[®]) is responsible for the overall day-to-day management of the HSTP Programme.

This ambitious Programme is designed to overhaul the healthcare system, strengthen medical infrastructure, and provide accessible, affordable, and high-quality healthcare to all residents, regardless of location or socioeconomic status, across the State.



2. The Aim of HSTP

HSTP aims to “transform the health sector in Niger State through system-wide data collection, policy reform, capacity building, and infrastructural development that strengthens primary, secondary, and tertiary health care systems.”

3. Mission and Vision of the HSTP Programme

Mission

'To build a **resilient, efficient, and inclusive** healthcare system that meets the needs of all Niger State residents.'

Vision

'To establish a **world-class healthcare system** in Niger State that ensures accessible, high-quality, and inclusive medical services for all, fostering a healthier and more prosperous society'.

4. Alignment with National and Global Health Priorities

HSTP aligns with Nigeria's national health policies and strategies, including global health priorities, specifically Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 11, 14, 15, and 16 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- Improving health and well-being
- Providing access to clean water
- Enhancing sanitation and quality of living
- Promoting sustainable practices in communities and settlements.



5. Key Benefits of HSTP to Niger State

Several key benefits will be derived from the programme, these include:

- **Improved Healthcare Access**
Residents, including those in rural areas, will have better access to essential medical services.
- **Affordable Healthcare Services**
Strengthening healthcare financing mechanisms to reduce out-of-pocket expenses.
- **Upgraded Medical Infrastructure**
Hospitals and clinics will be equipped with modern facilities and technology.
- **Better Public Health Outcomes**
Reduction in maternal and child mortality, improved disease prevention, and enhanced emergency response.
- **Enhanced Healthcare Workforce**
Training and capacity building for healthcare professionals to improve service delivery.
- **Economic Growth**
Strengthening the health sector will create jobs and boost economic development.

With these strategic interventions, Niger State is set to become a model for innovative healthcare solutions in Nigeria.

6. HSTP Programme Activities to Date

6.1 The Health Facilities Assessment Project (HFA)

The aim of the HFA Project, a key component of the overarching HSTP Programme, is to establish a robust, actionable database that aligns with national health strategies and supports the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to health and well-being.

6.2 Aim and Objectives of the HFA Project

The HFA aims to establish a robust, actionable database that aligns with national health strategies and supports the achievement of the SDGs related to health and well-being highlighted above.

The objectives of the HFA Project include:

- Undertaking a comprehensive Health Facilities Assessment (HFA) across the 25 LGAs in Niger State.
- Developing a centralised database of public and private health facilities.
- Supporting data-driven health policy planning and resource allocation.
- Building capacity through targeted training and deployment of field personnel.
- Engaging local governments and communities in sustainable healthcare reform.
- Strengthening health infrastructure, particularly in underserved LGA.

6.3 HFA Activities

- The Steering Committee for the Programme has been constituted and inaugurated, with representation from key ministries and local governments, including the Niger State Ministry of Primary Health Care and the Niger State Ministry of Secondary and Tertiary Health Care.
- Five hundred and four (504) enumerators have been trained for deployment to all twenty-five (25) Local Government Areas (LGAs) in the State to collect health facility data.
- Twenty-five (25) LGA Managers, one representing each LGA, have been trained to coordinate field operations.
- A standardised guide for field operations has been developed and provided to all LGA Managers and Enumerators.
- Mobile-friendly data collection instruments have also been developed using the Kobo Toolbox platform.
- The HSTP website at www.hstpningerng.com has been launched and is actively updated with new content.
- Various social media accounts have been created on Instagram, Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) to ensure public engagement and transparency.



7. Programme Status and Next Steps

Table 1 below gives the status of the key HFA Project activities

Table 1 Health Facilities Assessment High-Level Plan

S/N	Activity	Status	Activity Date
1	Recruitment and documentation of LGA Managers and Enumerators	Completed	February 2025
2	Conduct training for LGA Managers	Completed	March 2025
3	Conduct training for Enumerators	Completed	April- May 2025
4	Health Facilities Survey Fieldwork	Pending	July 2025
5	Survey Data Quality Control Activities	Pending	July 2025
6	Survey Data Retrieval and Cleaning	Pending	August 2025
7	Consolidate and Create Final Survey Dataset	Pending	August 2025
8	Analyse Health Facilities Survey Data	Pending	August 2025
9	Draft Health Facilities Assessment Report	Pending	September 2025
10	Sign-off Health Facilities Assessment Report	Pending	October 2025

Source: MRL Public Sector Consultants

8. Key Stakeholders

Some of the key stakeholders involved in the HSTP Programme include

- Niger State Ministry of Primary Health Care
- Niger State Ministry of Secondary and Tertiary Health Care
- The Secretary to the Government
- Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs
- Ministry of Homeland Security
- Ministry of Rural and Community Development
- Ministry of Communication Technology and Digital Economy
- Ministry of Pastoral and Nomadic Affairs
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Budget and Planning
- Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare
- Enumerators and Community Health Workers across Niger State.
- Health Facility Administrators (Public and Private)
- The Media Agencies
- The Public



9. Potential Risks

Potential risks to the Health Facility Assessment Project include funding, logistical challenges, resistance from private facilities, technical issues with data collection tools, and accessibility to remote areas, as well as internet connectivity in these areas. Mitigation strategies have been implemented, involving various plans with dedicated owners responsible for executing the contingency plans. Other aspects include proactive stakeholder engagement, providing backup equipment and centralised project management support through dedicated team members to monitor field activities to identify and resolve issues promptly.

10. Funding and Programme Finance

The Niger State Government primarily funds the HSTP. The HSTP Programme is being implemented in phases, with a strategy to attract funding and investment from development partners, health-focused NGOs, corporate health CSR portfolios, philanthropists, research institutions, and other stakeholders, to mention a few.

11. Getting involved

If you would like to support the HSTP, get involved or work as a volunteer or conduct research, please kindly get in touch with us by sending an email to mrl@mrl.uk.com

12. Contact Information

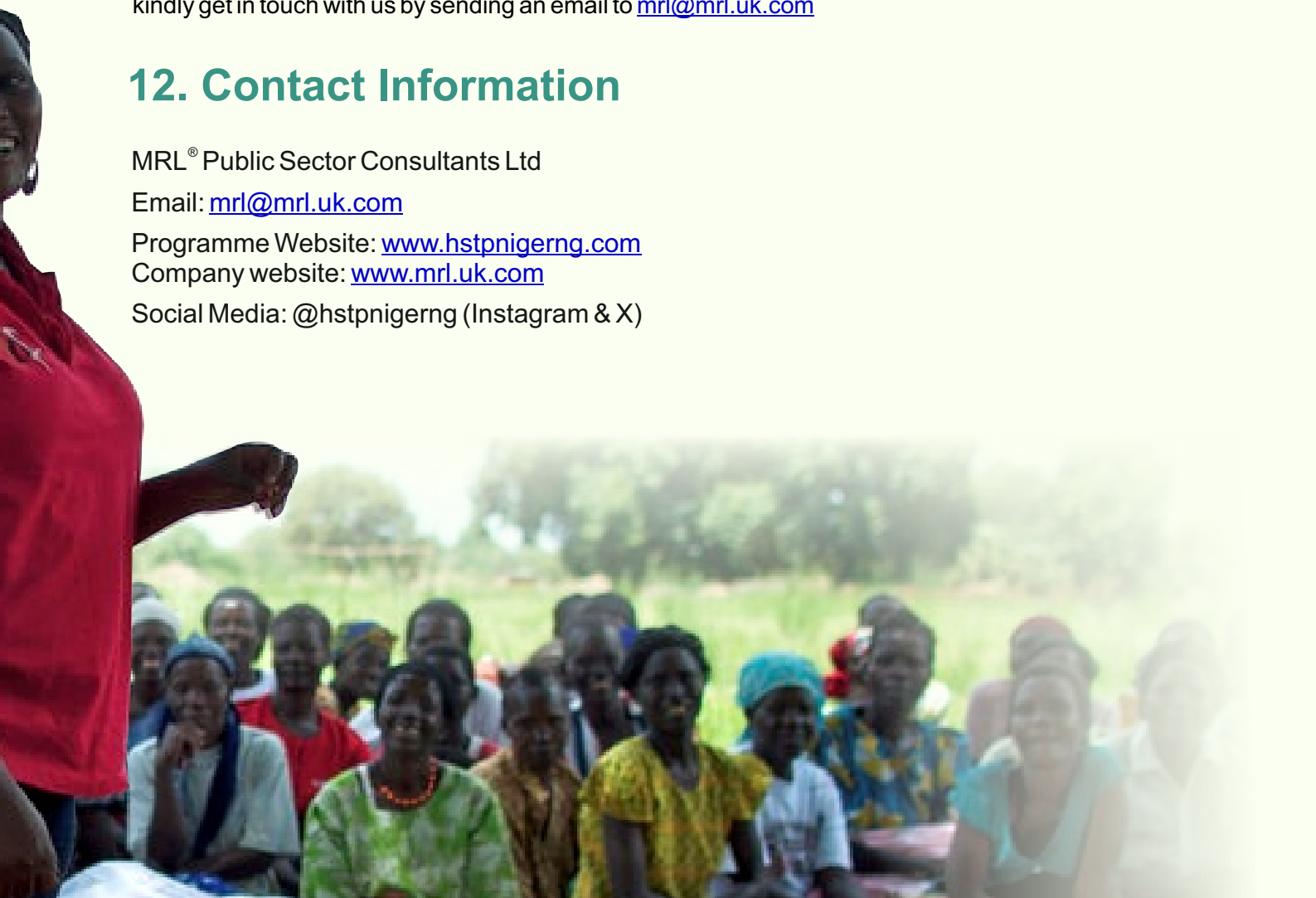
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