



# **Digital Health for Healthy Lives and Wellbeing for All**

**High-level Policy Dialogue on Digital Health,  
Geneva, 23-24 May 2016**

**Innovations for Global Health Challenges**

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# THE INNOVATION

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- **OBJECTIVE:** Create an enabling environment for eHealth in Nigeria by developing a strategy that provides over-arching guidance to the use and application of ICTs in health care
- **TARGET :** The Nigerian health sector
- **DELIVERABLES:** A national eHealth Strategy
- **FUNDING SOURCES:** Norad through the United Nations Foundation

# KEY CHALLENGES

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No clear policy on eHealth

Reviewed relevant policies in health & technology

Understanding the eHealth space

Conducted assessments

Capacity to develop a digital health strategy

Built capacity of stakeholders to strengthen the discussions

Adoption & stakeholder buy-in

Collaborative approach involved 50+ public & private sector organizations & all states

Strengths & weakness of stakeholders

Spent time to build capacity of stakeholders

# KEY LESSONS LEARNED

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- Involve stakeholders VERY EARLY
- Process should be extremely COLLABORATIVE
- Inspire trust from stakeholders
- Political will from Ministry of Health is critical
- Strengthen capacity of stakeholders
- WHO-ITU National eHealth Strategy Toolkit is a guide, you may need to domesticate it
- Align eHealth strategy & initiatives with priorities of larger health sector
- Talk! Talk!! Talk!!! about your experience

# KEY OUTCOMES

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- eHealth Strategy approved by the National Council on Health for operationalization, in March 2016

Vision of strategy:

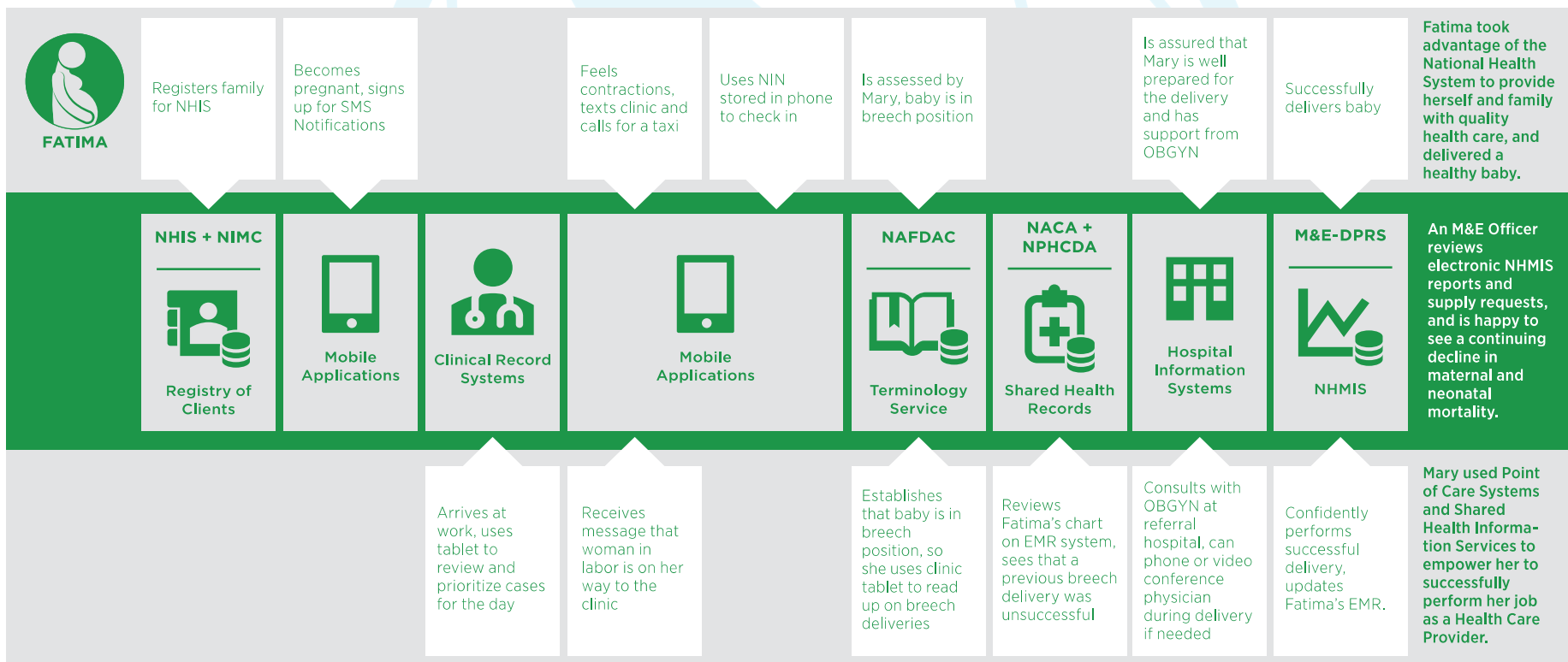
***“By 2020, Health ICT will help enable and deliver Universal Health Coverage.”***

- Increased interest in the eHealth: more eHealth related events over the last 12 months, than the same # of years

# FUTURE PLANS & NEXT STEPS

Operationalize the eHealth strategy with leadership from the FMoH, focus on governance.

## Fatima's story



Thank you!



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