

PRESS RELEASE:

“NPHCDA IS POISED TO RESTORE PARTNERS’ CONFIDENCE”- Dr. FAISAL.

The Executive Director and Chief Executive of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency, Dr. Faisal Shuaib has outlined a 4-point agenda of his administration.

They are repositioning the Agency with a culture of zero tolerance to corruption and efficient service delivery, concluding polio eradication, strengthening routine immunization and ensuring the success of Primary Health Care Revitalization in Nigeria.

Dr. Faisal disclosed this today while receiving the new WHO Country Representative in Nigeria, Dr. Alemu Wondi who paid him a courtesy visit in his office in Abuja.

Dr. Faisal explained that President Muhammad Buhari and the Honourable Minister of Health, Professor Isaac Adewole had both provided him required enabling environment for a transparent, accountable and result-oriented leadership that would enable him work with his team to restore partners’ confidence in the Agency.

He recalled Donors’ scepticism on the Agency’s management of donors’ funds in the past and assured the WHO Country Representative of his renewed commitment to change the narrative by engendering of transparency, accountability and probity.

While assuring management and staff of the Agency of his commitment to reward excellence, Dr. Faisal however warned that any official found wanting in the discharge of his or her duties would be made to face the disciplinary provisions of civil service rules and regulations.

The Executive Director also highlighted steps being taken by the Agency in its collaboration with Security Agencies and other stakeholders to rid Nigeria completely of polio virus and efforts to improve routine immunization, improve quality of data generation, overcome cross-border challenges on mass vaccination of under 5 children and successful implementation of present Administration’s agenda on Primary Health Care Revitalization.

Dr. Faisal described Public Office as a sacred trust, stressing that Public Officers owed it a duty not to disappoint the voiceless masses on behalf of whom such officers were appointed or elected.

Earlier in his speech, the new Country Representative of WHO, Dr. Alemu Wondi said the major purpose of his visit was to ensure synergy, continued collaboration and oneness of purpose in programmes implementation and service delivery.

Dr. Wondi recalled Nigeria’s initial success of 2 years without polio transmission and current concerted efforts on polio eradication and pledged the full support of WHO to its success.

He also assured Dr. Faisal of WHO support to the Federal Government Administration’s agenda on Primary Health Care Revitalization.

Dr. Alemu expressed great delight on the support and cooperation of Nigerian Government to WHO, stressing that whatever achievement WHO recorded in the country was due essentially to the level of support and cooperation of the Government.

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