**ONE DAY COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION ON OGP TOWARDS INCREASING CITIZENS PARTICIPATION AND ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS ON EDUCATION AND HEALTH FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY IN KADUNA STATE.**

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BENEFICIARY COMMUNITIES- 2LGAs (Igabi&Kaduna South).

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**PROBLEM STATEMENT AND RATIONALE**

Inadequate citizens’ participation and engagement in health care and education delivery chain continue to be low-leading to poor client patronage and lack of knowledge on Open Government Partnership (OGP) process; with many believing it is only friends and families of government that are beneficiaries. This is due to inadequate information coverage and citizen awareness on OGP is relatively low. Good health and wellbeing as well as quality education are indispensable basic needs of human beings in order to sustain a healthy, educated and productive society.

Therefore, intervention of this kind is crucial for inclusion and increase citizen participation, irrespective of gender, race, age, disability, religion and ethnicity. Thus, ensuring that the most excluded and marginalized members of society benefit from government programs on health and education. Also, there is the need for strong commitments of key stakeholders towards improving service delivery and bridging the gap in citizens accessing essential services.

It is in view of this that, the proposed intervention seeks to sensitize the citizen on Open Government Partnership services on health and Education as well as stimulate civic engagement for active participation in addressing barriers towards accessing health care and education services in communities. It tends to achieve UNSDG 3&4(Good health & wellbeing and Quality Education).

Open Government Partnership (OGP) is a co-creation process among government reformers, civil society actors and Donor Partners to implement planned activities in OGP-Action Plan 2021-2023 that ***strengthen transparency and accountability towards effective civil society and citizens engagement for improved service delivery in health and education Sectors.***

**GOAL*:*** Improve citizens’ participation, engagement and access in the entire health care and education service delivery processes.

**Objectives:**

1. To sensitize the citizen on OGP services
2. Improve service delivery on health and Education through multi-stakeholder engagement
3. To facilitate discussion to assess level of Citizens participation and access on government programs on health and Education.

**Planned Activities:**

1-day Community sensitization on OGP towards increasing citizens participation and access to Government programs on health and Education for improved service delivery in Kaduna state.

**Expected Outcomes:**

1. Deepened understanding as well as commitments and support of stakeholders gain for increased buy-in.
2. Evidence generated for increased advocacy and engagement with government and citizens for improved service delivery
3. More people aware of OGP benefits
4. Constructive social engagement increased for improved service delivery in the communities
5. Working relationship enhanced among relevant stakeholders

**Methodology/Approach**

Precise choice of activities will be made through the following:

* Community mobilizing/sensitization & Engagement
* Collaboration & partnership

**Indicators**

* Number of participants that attended the meeting and show commitment for the program.
* Percentage change in behavior and practices as a result of interventions conducted to address concerned issues.

Focus areas of intervention

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| **S/N** | **Communities** | **Focal LGA** |
| 1 | Mandi/ Afaka& Rigasa | Igabi |
| 3 | Ugwar Mauzu  & Tudunwada | Kaduna South |

**Target Participants**

The target to reach are over 100 participants within 2 LGAs of selected communities, 50 per each as direct beneficiaries.

**BUDGET: A** total budget requested for the program is USD3,500