

MINUTE REPORT 14TH OCTOBER, 2025

INAUGURATION OF THE PLATEAU STATE DIGITAL HEALTH TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)

Venue: State Ministry of Health Conference Hall

Time: 1:30 PM

Date: 13th October, 2025

- The meeting began with the arrival and registration of participants using Google form for attendance. This was followed by laying of the protocol by the Information officer of the Ministry. Afterwards, the National prayer was sung.
- Welcome address was delivered by the Hon. Commissioner for health, Dr. Nicholas Ba'amlong. He gave the welcome address expressing appreciation to all attendees and apologized for starting the program late due to the management meeting which had just been concluded some minutes ago at the Ministry's conference hall. He emphasized that the inauguration was not just a ceremonial inauguration event, but the beginning of a major transformation in the health sector through digitization, technology, and data systems. He called for collaboration and collective effort to overcome backwardness and embrace digital health for improved service delivery and better patient outcomes.
- Goodwill messages
 1. Hon. Nanbol Listick, the Deputy Chairman, House Committee on Health, Plateau State House of Assembly. He pledged legislative backing for the initiative underscoring the need for innovative and proper budget alignment to ensure sustainable implementation and funding.
 2. Dr. Leke Ojewale, Digital Health Lead, SWAp Coordinating Office, Senior Technical Assistant to the Coordinating Minister for Health, represented by Dr. Olarotimi Olaitan, thanked all stakeholders for their commitment, emphasizing the importance of teamwork and dedication in driving health data excellence.
 3. Dr. Solomon Wekpe, Head of Office and Technical Advisor, Jos, reiterated the organization's support for the digital health agenda, highlighting its potential to enhance overall healthcare efficiency and outcomes.
- Inauguration of the TWG

The Hon. Commissioner formally inaugurated the digital health technical working group, acknowledging the presence of key ministries and agencies that constitute the TWG including Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Science, Technology and Innovation; State Primary Healthcare Board, State Hospitals Management Board, PLASEMSAS, PLASCHEMA, Plateau State Specialist Hospital, Jos University Teaching Hospital, Colleges of Health, Nursing and Midwifery, and development partners such as

WHO and APIN. He noted that the Federal Ministry of Health is leading by example through similar digital health strategies, and encouraged members to commit to accountability, data sharing, and building ICT capacity for health systems improvement.

Official Declaration

The Hon. Commissioner asked all TWG members to stand and he officially declared them all inaugurated. He encouraged the members to work diligently as the task assigned to them is very vital to the growth of the health sector.

Chairperson of the TWG committee, the Director for Health Planning, Research and Statistics of the State Ministry of Health, Mrs. Victoria Pam in her acceptance speech emphasized the importance of health information management and the need to address long-standing challenges in data collection. She expressed optimism that the TWG will enhance data coordination and quality through members combined expertise and collaboration.

- Closing Remarks

The Permanent Secretary of the State Ministry of Health appreciated all attendees and recognized the presence of dignitaries, partners and participants. He expressed confidence that all members would work with dedication and integrity towards achieving the goals of strengthening the state health system.

- The meeting concluded with the recitation of the National pledge and group photograph by all.