**Paying for Quality in Primary health care: Influence of community structures and health facility committees.**

 **Abstract**

**Background:** performance based Financing has been piloted in Nigeria since 2011 in 8 different states with 7 states in the North and 1 in the west in mostly primary health care centres. The literature reviewed the dynamism of the various states especially with the unique setting of the current humanitarian crisis in Northern Nigeria and the adaptation of this health financing tool to the health system. We reviewed how PBF has engaged the various community structures and health facility committee to improve quality of care at the various primary health facilities, challenges and what lessons can be drawn.

**Method:** our review is based on data/information collected from document reviewed from the states, 50 key informant interviews and 30 questionnaire feedback from various stakeholders and community leaders in the states. Data were analysed to assess the level of involvement of all stakeholders, communities and the implications on the quality of care at the health facilities**.**

**Results:** our analysis indicated the community engagement played a significant role to the improved quality of care at the PHF, the PBF applied as a strategic purchasing Tool ensures that certain requirements are met before HF received their performance pay-out. The quality improvement framework was analysed using key Primary Health Care indicators to highlight areas of improvement and identify various activities performed by all stakeholders/community leaders that lead to improved quality of care in the Primary Health facilities.

**Conclusion:** our review recognizes the importance of community participation in improving quality of care in primary health care facilities, where clients/patients, community leaders and community volunteers influence the primary health care service delivery. PBF as a form of strategic purchasing tool when implemented with various innovations and adaptations could facilitate improvement in quality of care in primary health facility.

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