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Care as Infrastructure

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Building a National Position on Home Healthcare for Nigeria



THE THEME

CARE AS INFRASTRUCTURE

Care as infrastructure is a position about how a health system is built. It concerns the clinical, coordination, digital, workforce and financing systems that decide whether care delivered at home is safe, continuous and accountable at national scale.

Home healthcare is a link in the value chain of the health system: hospital, discharge, home, recovery.



The Care Conference 2026 brings government, clinical, financial, technology and family voices into one room to build a National Position on Home Healthcare for Nigeria.

"YOU CANNOT FINANCE CARE YOU CANNOT COUNT."

A WELCOME FROM THE CONVENER

Today Nigeria sits down to build a national position on home healthcare, as far as the public record shows the first convening of its kind.

The outcome goes to the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, which asked TPGM to work with its Department of Family Health on a national policy document on post discharge home care, and onward to the National Assembly.

Our foundation: the National Senior Citizens Centre Act (2017), the Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act (2018), the NCD national action plan (2019), the National Policy on Ageing (2021) and the National Mental Health Act (2021). There is no law or policy dedicated to learning disability.

What has been missing is the home itself: who delivers care there, to what standard, on whose record, and at whose cost.

Other nations started before they were ready

US · 1965

Home health visits written into Medicare.

US · 1981

Care at home funded in place of an institution.

UK · 1986 - 1988

A critical audit, then the Griffiths Report.

UK · 1990 - 2014

NHS and Community Care Act, then the Care Act.

COUNT WHAT WE HAVE NEVER COUNTED

Nigeria has no publicly accessible national dataset on home healthcare and no consolidated public register of providers. About seven of every ten naira spent on health comes from a family's own pocket.

NCDs cause close to three in ten deaths; more than seven million Nigerians live with depression; 7% of household members aged five and above have difficulty in at least one area of daily function.



No open source gives a national readmission rate, a record of what happens after discharge, or a count of people with a learning disability. Yet there is hope: what others assembled over decades on paper can now be captured at the point of care, on a phone, as it happens.

Three asks: contest the position, count what we have never counted, carry what we agree into your ministry, hospital, agency, board and family.

"Every one of us is a caregiver, will become one, or will one day need one. While we live, let us love well, and let us build the system that makes that love safe."

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CARE AT HOME IN NUMBERS

Four figures describe the people who need care at home. Five records that would describe the care itself could not be found in any open data source.

71%

of health spending in Nigeria comes from a family's own pocket

29%

of deaths are caused by noncommunicable diseases

7%

of household members aged 5+ have difficulty in at least one area of daily function

7.1M

Nigerians live with depression, 3.9% of the population

Who pays for health in Nigeria



71% Out of pocket (families)

29% All other sources

Not found in any open data source

- A national hospital readmission rate
- A national record of what happens after discharge
- A national count of people living with a learning disability
- A national dataset of home healthcare delivered
- A consolidated public register of home healthcare providers

Sources: WHO Global Health Expenditure Database (2023); WHO NCD Country Profile, Nigeria (2018); Nigeria DHS 2018; WHO Depression and Other Common Mental Disorders (2017). Not-found records searched in public sources, November 2026.

THE CONVENER

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Convenes The Care Conference, an independent platform where government, clinical, financial and community voices meet on equal terms.

Our convener

The Care Conference 2026 is convened by Abiola Hakeemat Etti-Ayilara, Founder of The Purple Global Mission.

THE FIVE POLICY LAYERS

A National Position on Home Healthcare has to answer five questions. Each session carries one or more of them.

1. **Care Workforce Development and Protection**

   Who may give care at home, trained how, supervised by whom, and how that workforce is protected.

2. **Clinical Governance and Quality Assurance**

   What must be true for care at home to be as safe, continuous and accountable as care on a ward.

3. **Care Coordination and Continuity of Care**

   The handover from hospital to home, and the family who receives it; this is where readmissions begin.

4. **Digital Health Infrastructure and Care Data Systems**

   The spine of the position; care has to be counted before it can be governed or financed.

5. **Care Financing, Policy and Regulatory Architecture**

   How the state, the insurer and the household share the cost of care at home, and under which rules.

OUR SPEAKERS

Convener Abiola Hakeemat Etti-Ayilara with the speakers of The Care Conference 2026.



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