



THE HEPATITIS ADVOCACY FOUNDATION (HAF)

Driving Effective Advocacy for Viral Hepatitis in Delta State:
Strategies for Results-Oriented Success

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Ignite the Passion!



First, and only patient-led viral hepatitis community-based organization in Delta State, and registered by the CAC of Nigeria

Began in 2020 (3years after my first diagnosis of HepB)



VISSION

Our VISSION is to facilitate a future where individuals diagnosed with viral hepatitis are provided equitable care, irrespective of their financial status, race, or social class, to accomplish a future free of hepatitis.



MISSION

Our MISSION is to unite all stakeholders in the fight against viral hepatitis with the ultimate aim of achieving global elimination targets.



Burden in Delta State

Projected that 13% of its population are living with chronic viral hepatitis B or C or both.

Hence, with a population of approx. 6.8 Million, Delta State has not less than 884 Thousand persons currently infected.

But where are they?



Landscape of Challenges in Delta State

Accessing diagnostics and treatments for viral hepatitis poses significant challenges in Delta State. Suboptimal awareness among healthcare providers and the general public, as well as the stigma and discrimination faced by PLHB/C, coupled with the inadequate budgetary allocation for viral hepatitis by the government, have an adverse impact on the drive to eliminate the disease.



Go for the Jugular!

At its core, advocacy involves conveying information to inspire action. As such, the intended recipients of this message should be those capable of implementing the changes we seek. These changes are embedded in our challenges



Ultimate Focus

The Hepatitis Advocacy Foundation's primary concern is to advocate for improved access to diagnostics, care and medications for all persons living with chronic viral hepatitis in Delta State in keeping with the political declaration on Universal Health Coverage (UHC).



**All we
want is
better
access to
care in
Delta
State**

**Viral
hepatitis
care
doesn't
have to
be
expensive
in Delta
State**

SAVE OUR
FUTURE



**UHC:
Viral
Hepatitis is
Inclusive**



Patient-led Awareness Creation

Empowering patients to become advocates can drive **policy change** and improve **healthcare services**. Patients play will a crucial role in shaping the **response** to viral hepatitis in Delta State



Raising Public Awareness

Raising public awareness through education campaigns and community events can help reduce stigma and encourage individuals to seek testing and treatment for viral hepatitis.



Building Partnerships

Collaboration with **government agencies, healthcare providers, and non-governmental organizations, both locally and internationally**, is essential to create a unified approach towards viral hepatitis elimination in Delta State.



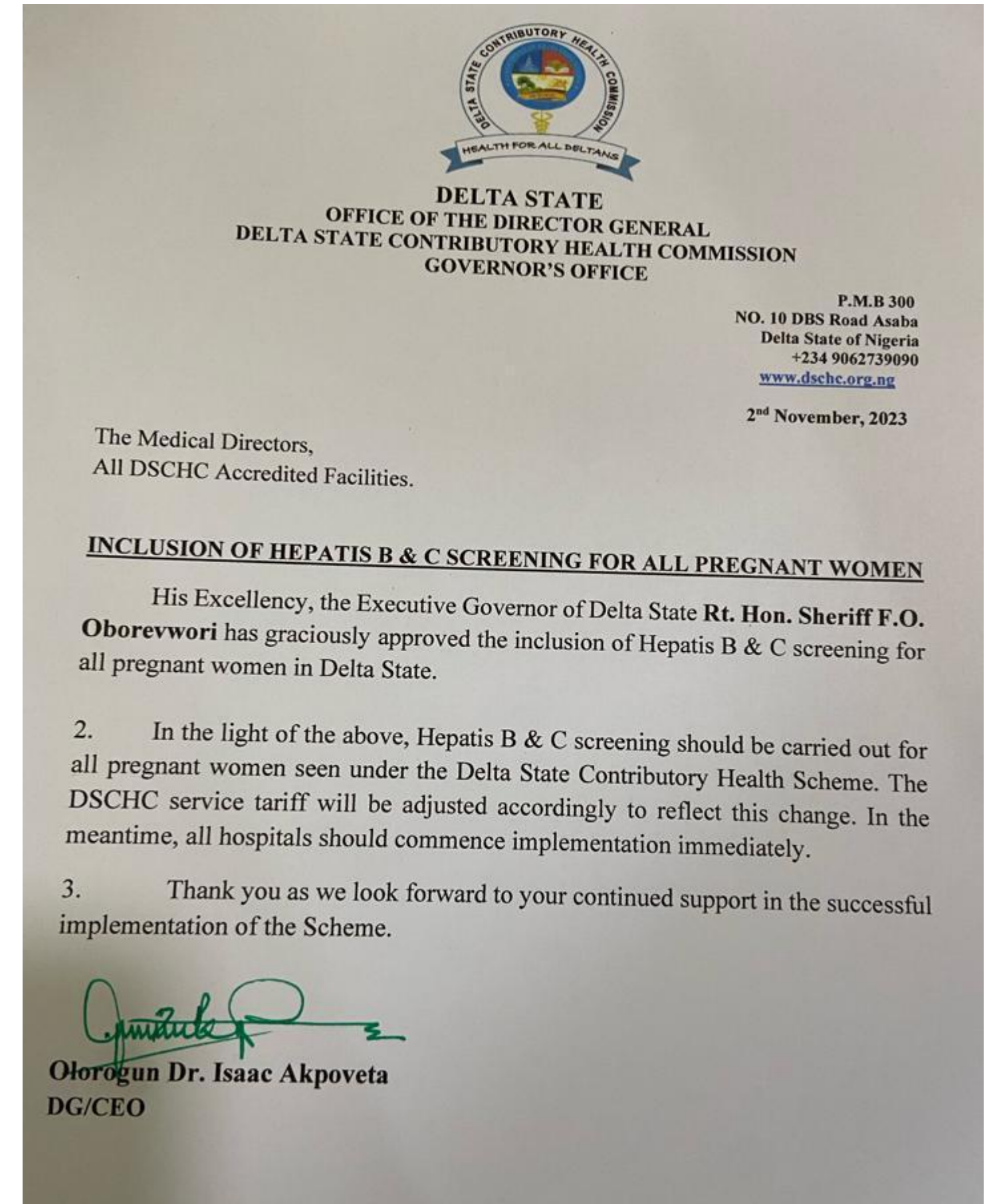
Advocacy Climax

We hold the belief that with robust political will, efforts aimed at enhancing access to healthcare and reducing disparities in Delta state can be significantly improved.



Political Action

His Excellency 's Approval



What worked for us

1. Identifying key stakeholders
2. Lobbying using our lived experiences
3. Policy engagement using official data/information from WHO, CGHE, WHA, HBF, FMoH...
- 4 .Purpose-driven collaborations
5. Awareness campaigns on TV and social media.



Call to Action



We must unite to advocate for the rights of patients and drive policy change to achieve micro-elimination and improve health outcomes in Delta State.





Two options:

1. Wait until things happen!
2. Make things happen!

For us, waiting isn't an option



Finally!

By fostering a collaborative effort and political will, we can drive positive changes and ensure quality care for individuals affected by viral hepatitis in Delta State.



Thanks for your time!