

WRITEUP ADVOCACY VISIT TO MINISTER FMOH

On 19th December 2024, team SPEED Project [IHV-Nigeria](#) had the rare honour of being hosted to a high-level Stillbirths Policy Intervention & Advocacy roundtable at the request of the Honourable Coordinating Minister for Health & Social Welfare - Prof. Muhammad Ali-Pate.

Following our presentation of findings from stillbirths data analysis, we presented a 3-point call to action (comprising some very important system & process changes) which received immediate approval for action from the Hon. Minister as follows:

- Stillbirth data to be included among the indicators reported on a quarterly basis to the minister for action planning

- Stillbirths data will be displayed on the dashboard in the office of the Honourable Minister.

- The FMOH "making babies breathe" capacity building program for midwives/nurses/maternal health service providers is expanded to Zamfara state; an evidence-based programmatic response from the Hon. Minister based on Zamfara State recording the highest Stillbirths rate from our analysis at 53/1000 livebirths.

A very big thank you to the FMOH, NPHCDA leadership, DFH, DHPRS, ICT, Stillbirths Data Use Advocacy Group members, Media against Stillbirth and all other partners. All your efforts have brought us here and we are extremely grateful.