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## OFFICIAL RECORDS REQUEST

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### BY EMAIL - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

The Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare

Attention: Freedom of Information Officer

Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Federal Secretariat Complex, Phase III, Abuja

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### **SUBJECT: Nigeria-U.S. health cooperation: data, implementation and specimen-sharing records**

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

Global Scenes Reports (GSR) requests access under Nigeria's Freedom of Information Act 2011 to existing records held by the Ministry concerning the health cooperation memorandum signed with the U.S. government in Abuja on 19 December 2025 and its separate specimen-sharing agreement. We seek accurate reporting on the actual terms and safeguards. Copies of the signed main memorandum and specimen agreement have circulated publicly, but the main memorandum refers to a data-sharing arrangement in Appendix 5 and an implementation plan whose complete operative texts are not in the copy available to us.

**Please supply electronic copies of:** (1) the complete executed memorandum, all appendices and attachments, and any signed amendments or side instruments; (2) any executed, final or current draft data-sharing arrangement referred to in section 2.5.2 and Appendix 5, including data dictionaries, access and hosting protocols, onward-sharing rules, and privacy safeguards; (3) the implementation plan contemplated by section 3.1 and its approved revisions; (4) the rules, membership, decisions and approval criteria of the data and specimen governance committee referred to in section 2.1.2; and (5) records sufficient to show any actual transfer of specimens or patient-level data under these arrangements from 19 December 2025 to 1 October 2026, including dates, recipients and categories of material, without disclosing patient identities.

Please also provide any existing Ministry assessment of compliance with the Nigeria Data Protection Act 2023, any NAFDAC-FDA regulatory-reliance protocol applied to products under the programme, and any records identifying the amount of U.S. funding actually disbursed and Nigeria's counterpart expenditure to date. We do not ask the Ministry to create a new analysis. If a requested instrument has not been concluded or a record is not held, please say so and identify the likely custodian if known.

Please acknowledge receipt, respond within the period prescribed by the Act, disclose reasonably separable portions of any partly exempt records and identify the legal grounds for any refusal. Please send searchable records to **office@gscreports.com**, advise of any copying charge in advance, and include any official explanation the Ministry wishes GSR to consider for publication.

Yours faithfully,

**D. O. Abiodun**

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