

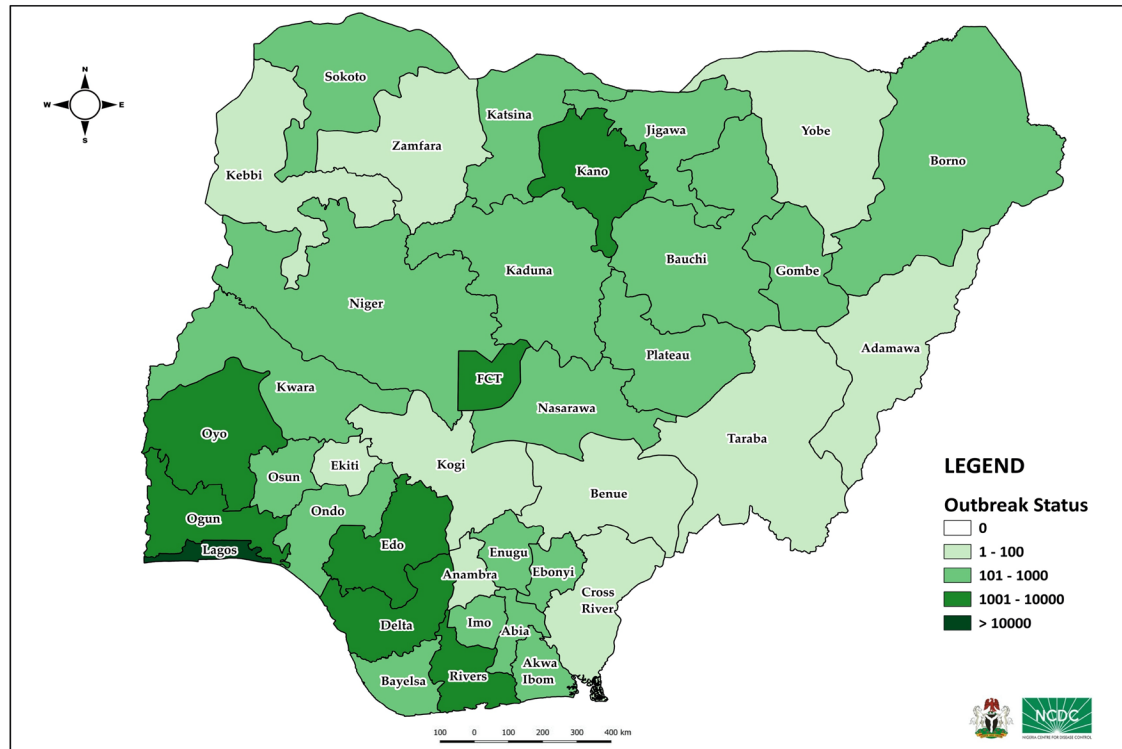


Nigeria's COVID-19 Response

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Nigeria : A Snapshot



Map of Nigeria showing COVID-19 case burden

Federal Republic comprising of **36 states** and a **Federal Capital Territory**

Estimated population of **200 million** - **highest** in Africa

Responsibility for healthcare is shared between **Federal Government** and **State Governments**

Has a Nigeria Centre for Disease Control, with a clear mandate on epidemic preparedness and control

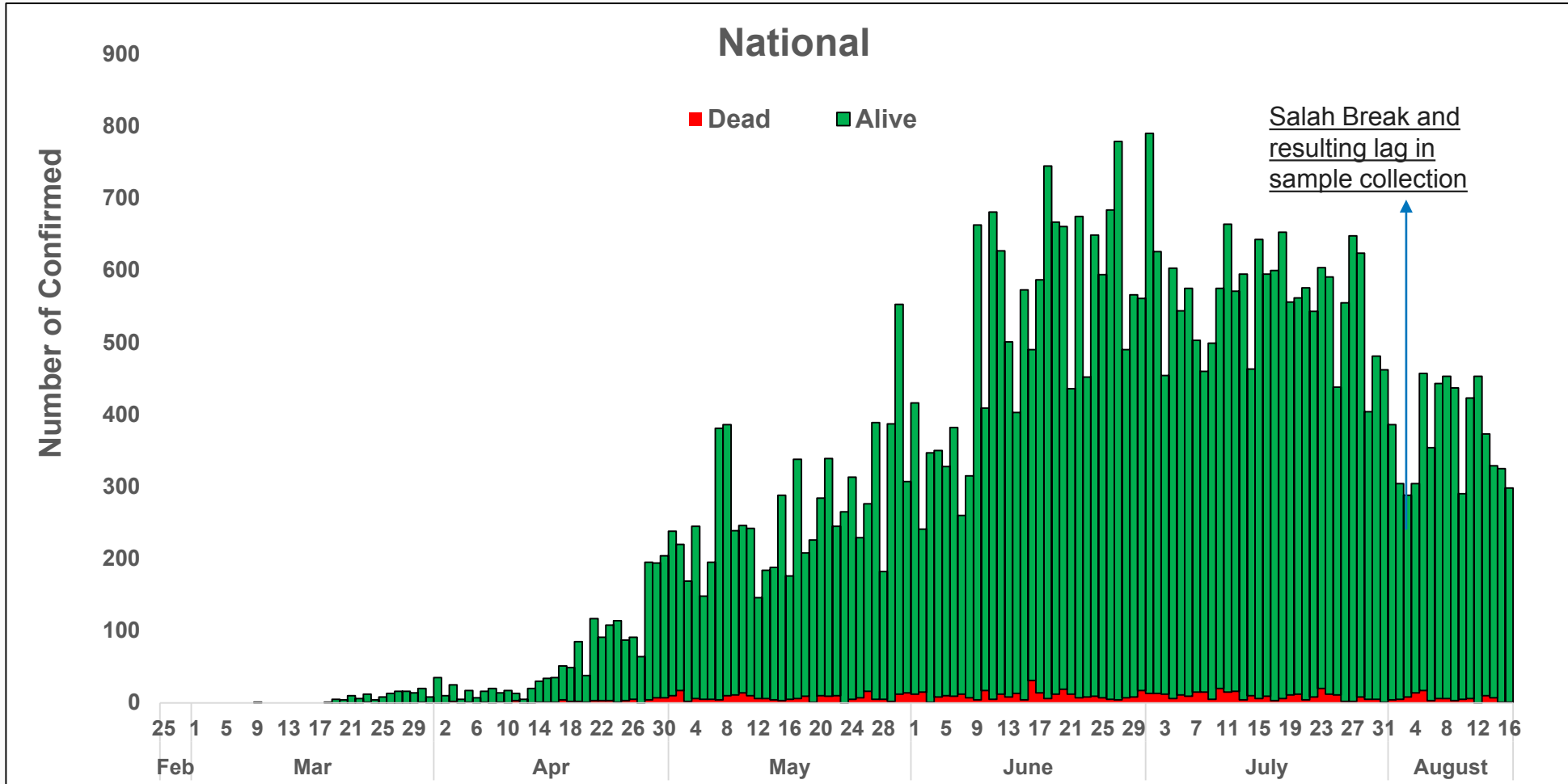
Nigeria was also dealing with large **Lassa fever outbreak** when the index COVID-19 case was confirmed

Country Preparedness Activities



- Nigeria conducted **multi-stakeholder risk assessment on 20th January** and issued **first COVID advisory**
- **From January 22, we began to broadcast updates on the outbreak** and preventive measures
- **Minister of Health inaugurated the inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee**
- **Instituted Point of Entry surveillance** at international borders
- **A Presidential Task Force (PTF) was inaugurated on 27th March, 2020**
- **Commenced training on infection prevention and control measures**
- **Commenced implementation of COVID-19 Action Plan**
- **Designated 3 molecular Laboratories** for COVID-19 testing
- **Designated first set of COVID-19 treatment centres**

COVID-19 in Nigeria



Tested

366,244

Confirmed

50,488

Positivity

13.7%

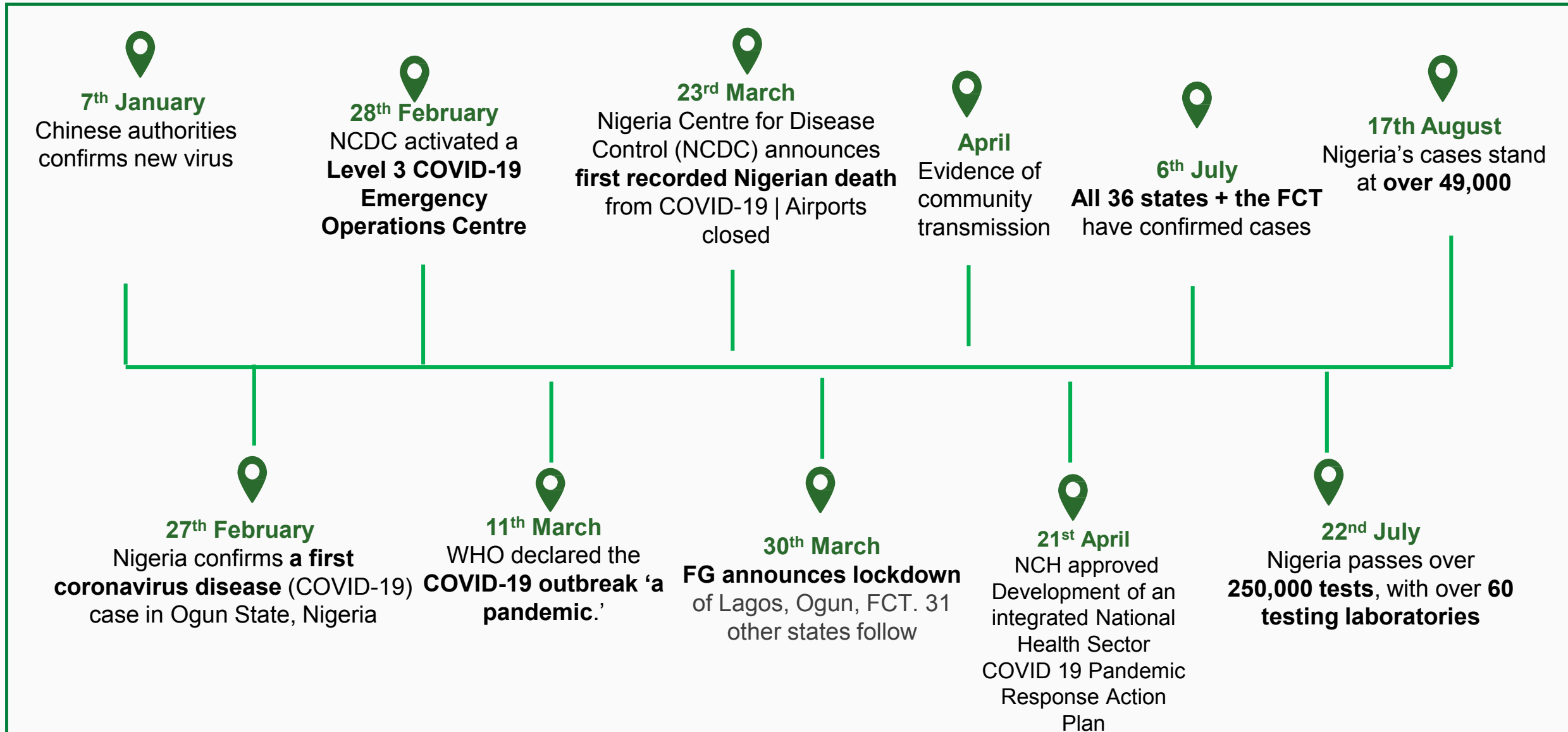
Deaths

985

CFR

2%

Timeline of the Nigerian Response



Nigeria's COVID-19 Response Structure



Three-Phase Restrictions Easing Strategy

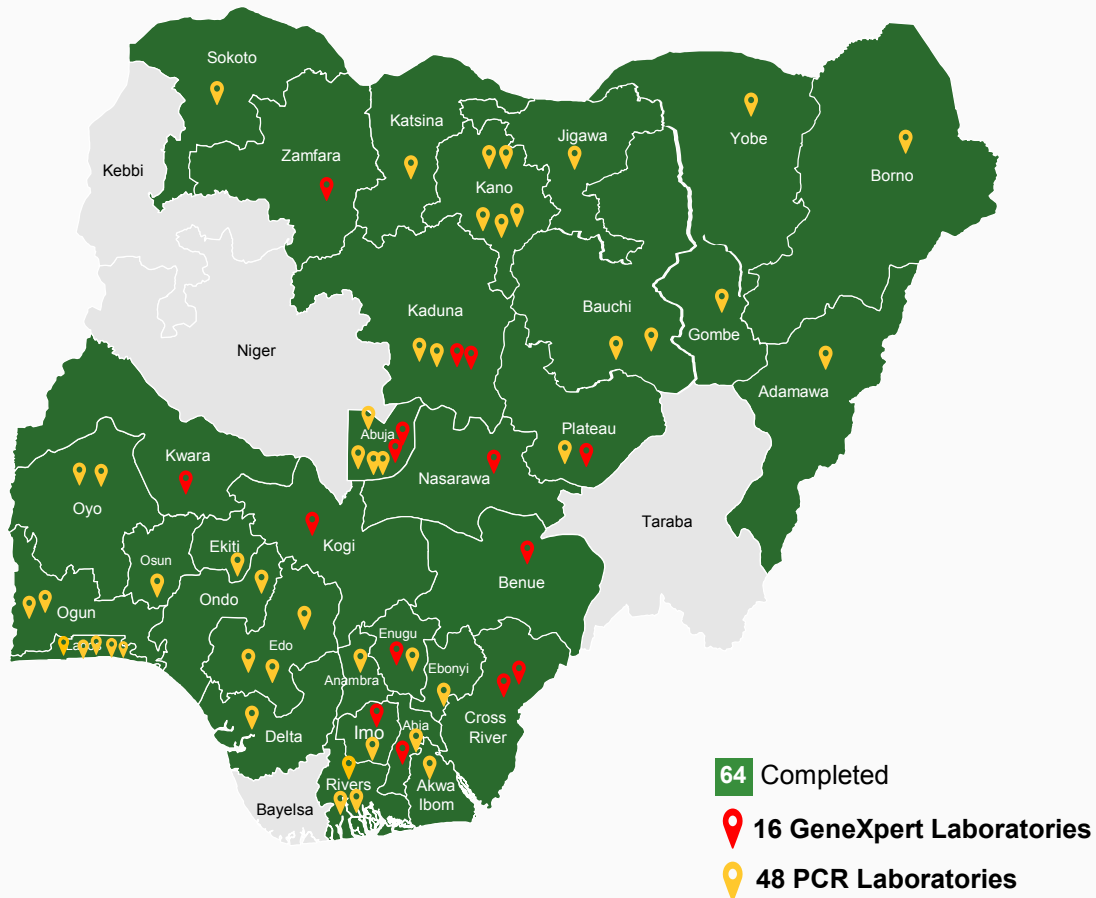


	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Land travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road and rail open under strict conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open
Airspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open for domestic flights, limited for essential international until August 26 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open for domestic + international
Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curfew from 8pm – 6am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curfew from 10pm – 4am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Curfew
Working Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am – 2pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am – 5pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Limit
Workspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% staff occupancy or less 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75% staff occupancy or less. 50% occupancy for clients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% occupancy
Entertainment Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened
Gatherings/ Religious Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened
Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed, but special consideration for graduation exams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened

Our Diagnostic Capacity



Testing facilities in the laboratory network



Number of Laboratories: **64 laboratories (excluding 10 private)**

Positivity rate has fallen from a high of **19.7** in June to **13.9** in August

Number of states with testing laboratories has increased from **2** to **32 + the FCT**

Average tests per day has risen from **500** at the onset of the outbreak to **3,500** today



- Harmonising Federal-State response policies to ensure one national response
- Working with increased public frustration with the sustained restrictions imposed
- Addressing poor sample collection, accounting for low testing results
- Combining economic and healthcare considerations in shaping the response
- Accessing necessary laboratory consumables to increase diagnostic capacity
- Improving on contact tracing activities to increase testing
- Maintaining access to routine essential health services

Major Achievements



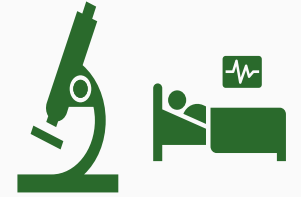
- Strengthening Subnational EOCs through capacity building and provision of response tools
- Expanding existing human resource available to respond to outbreak by training in states across all response pillars(Case Management, surveillance Infection prevention and control and Laboratory services)
- Development of the National Health Sector COVID-19 Pandemic Response Action Plan (NAHCPRAP), an integrated one Health Sector Plan to harmonize the efforts of the health sector, ensure maintenance of routine services, improve coordination, effectiveness and efficiency of the response
- Effective public-private collaboration in raising resources and funds
- Stronger collaboration with health sector agencies and partners
- Utilising data in the response – risk communications, case management and LGA focus
- Managed and structured easing of restrictions to avoid overburdening the health system

Way Forward



Improve testing & treatment

- Capitalize on increased testing capacity to reach **2 million tests by September**
- **Increase number of treatment and ICU sites**, and provide equipment
- **Support local production of PPEs** and other commodities



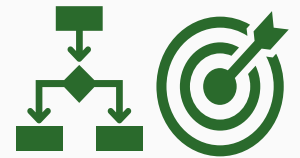
Intensify risk communication

- **Improve compliance to hand sanitization, wearing of face masks, social distancing** and other non-pharmaceutical interventions
- **Address COVID-19 stigmatization and denial** particularly among the urban poor



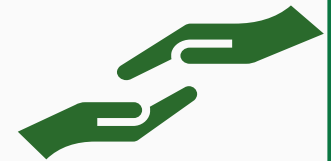
Implement targeted subnational response

- **Develop a strategy to target current 11 LGAs with the highest disease burden**
- These LGAs are currently spread across several states
- **Commence community case management**



Ensure transition planning

- **The PTF has a 6-month mandate** and is developing a proper exit strategy
- The strategy entails **preparing federal MDAs to provide support to state governments to improve their leadership and ownership** of the response in states
- **Ensure continuity of essential health services**





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