

NIGERIA

IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH CARE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (HCWMP) IN NIGERIA

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BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HCWMP IN NIGERIA

The Making Medical Injection Safer Project (MMIS)
has been working in collaboration with Federal
Ministry of Environment (FMEnvt), Federal Ministry
of Health (FMH), other Partners and Stakeholders in
developing draft HCWM Plan, Policy and Guidelines
for Nigeria.

 The NHCWMP identifies several opportunities to advance safe HCWM in Nigeria. The HCWM Technical Working Group (TWG) drafted:

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- NHCWM Guidelines: This will be widely distributed to decision makers in relevant Government Agencies, and other stakeholder groups and applied in all Health Care Waste (HCW) generating and disposal facilities in Nigeria.
- Under this Guideline, mercury waste is regarded as highly hazardous and classified under class 8. It is separated from other HCW streams in terms of the practices and technologies applied in its handling.

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- NHCWM Policy: This will stimulate management team in Healthcare Facilities (HCF) to establish and maintain efficient safe and sustainable HCWM practices.
- HCWM Bill will be prepared and presented to the National Assembly for enactment into law.

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- NHCWM Action Plan: This is to progressively upgrade the current HCWM practices and be implemented over a five year period.
- It recommends the establishment of a National Steering Committee (NSC) to ensure coordination and supervision of the NHCWMP at all levels in the country.
- It also encourages efforts to discontinue the usage of mercury in- products while encouraging the use of alternatives.

PROGRESS SINCE LAST YEAR

- As at last year, the three working documents were in draft though ratified by stakeholders and submitted to FMEnvt for submission to the Federal Executive Council (FEC).
- FMEnvt was to seek and obtain approval from FEC before the documents will be put into use.
- In a bid to obtain approval from FEC, FMEnvt sought the concurrence of the FMH.

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