

# Nigeria's Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization Branch



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### Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization Branch: Key Strategic foci

#### ACSM works to......

- Create enabling environment for the effective implementation of malaria programmes (Advocacy)
- Increase demand for, and utilization, of malaria prevention and treatment interventions (SBCC)
- Mobilize individuals, communities and partners to take action to fight malaria at different levels (Social Mobilization)

### **ACSM's Recent Endeavors**

- 1. Strengthening malaria advocacy, building strategic partnerships and mobilizing resources
- 2. Encouraging and utilizing innovative approaches in malaria SBCC
- 3. Promoting evidence building and evidence based programming
- 4. Standardized Malaria SBCC programming, tools/materials and messages
- 5. Revitalizing the Technical and Coordination function of ACSM

## 1. Strengthening malaria advocacy, building strategic partnerships and mobilizing resources

- Developed an Advocacy plan
- Revising Advocacy toolkit
- Exploring innovative avenues to mobilize resources for malaria
- Strengthening relationship with the media through strategic engagement

### 2. Innovative approaches in malaria SBCC

- Use of entertainment education to complement ongoing malaria behavior change activities
  - Nollywood
  - National Theme Song and Music Video and ringtones
  - Variety radio shows
  - Social Media
- National and local celebrities to promote LLIN use by households.

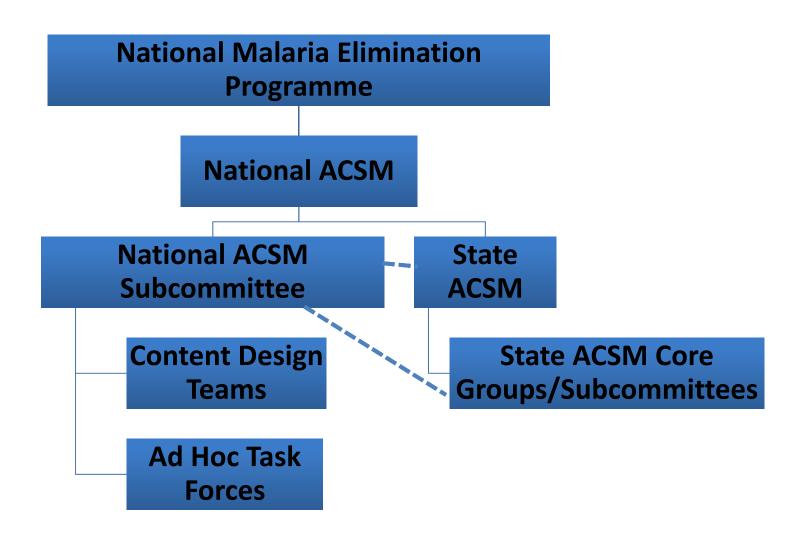
## 3. Promoting evidence building and evidence based programming

- Ensure more relevant SBCC indicators are captured in the MIS and other large national surveys where appropriate
- Ask partners to include robust research and monitoring and evaluation in their yearly planning
- Collect programmatic and research results for best practices discussions

## 4. Standardizing Malaria SBCC programming

- ACSM Guidelines: the National blueprint for designing and developing all malaria SBCC programmes, interventions and tools by partners at all levels
- Harmonized Malaria SBCC strategy
- Standardized creative briefs for Content Design Teams
- National malaria SBCC Centerpiece materials

#### **ACSM Structure**



## 5. Revitalizing the Technical and Coordination function of ACSM

- Task teams and Content Design teams within the National ACSM sub committee
- SBCC Coordination toolkit
- Technical clearing house for all malaria SBCC products by partners
- Facilitate exchange of lessons learned, best practices, experiences and resources
- Strengthen State ACSMs and Subcommittees/Core Groups
- Promoting greater engagement of local community structures and FBOs