



NURSING & MIDWIFERY COUNCIL OF NIGERIA

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COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF MASTER TRAINERS' WORKSHOP ON THE MANAGEMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS AND LEPROSY DISEASES HELD IN ZARIA, KADUNA FROM 28TH JANUARY TO 2ND FEBRUARY 2007

- i. The Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria should ensure a periodic monitoring and evaluation as well as putting into practice, these new concepts by the training Institutions and nurse clinicians.
- ii. Participants at this workshop should be mandated and empowered with the necessary resources to liaise with their various TB & Leprosy State Control officers and National TB & Leprosy Training Centre, Zaria to replicate this training workshop at their respective zonal and state levels.
- iii. Training modules, materials and updates information on TB & Leprosy should be made available to all training institutions for effective teaching of these contents in the Schools of Nursing and Midwifery nationwide.
- iv. There is an urgent need for massive campaign to re-orientate the general public for a positive change of attitudes towards the integration and acceptance of TB & Leprosy clients in the society to eliminate the stigmatization attached to them and the General Health Care. Workers at all levels should take a lead in doing that.
- v. It is also emphasized that the integration of TB & Leprosy management in the mainstream. Health Care Delivery System at all levels will facilitate early detection and proper management as well as prevention of the devastating effects caused by these diseases.
- vi. Finally, all tiers of Government and other stakeholders should design strategies for rehabilitation programs of people living with impairments and disabilities caused by these diseases especially Leprosy.