

Urging the Nigeria's National Assembly's Senate Committee to drive aid effectiveness

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Health Partners International Managing Director, Jeffrey Mecaskey, addressed the Nigerian National Assembly's Senate Committee on Appropriation at a session on Budgeting and Appropriation for Aid Effectiveness.

Chaired by Senate President, David Mark, with support from the Centre for Health Sciences Training, Research and Development, the session convened parliamentarians, representatives of official development assistance partners, such as the World Bank and civil society, to consider how national appropriation processes can better track Official Development Assistance (ODA) flows to ensure complementarity and alignment. On noting that investment in health constituted well over 50 percent of ODA, Mecaskey suggested that the National Strategic Health Development Plan along with the IHP+ compact provided Nigeria with an unprecedented opportunity to demonstrate how national bodies like the Senate could drive mutual accountability and aid effectiveness to achieve national development objectives. Senator Iyiola Omisore, Committee Chair, indicated that Senate development of an institutional mechanism for tracking ODA flows vis-à-vis national and state appropriations would be an important step forward.