

**REMARKS BY DR. MUSA ADAMU ALIYU SAN, CHAIRMAN,  
INDEPENDENT CORRUPT PRACTICES AND OTHER RELATED  
OFFENCES COMMISSION (ICPC) AT THE SIGNING OF THE  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) BETWEEN ICPC AND  
THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE.**

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***PROTOCOL:***

1. It is with great pleasure that I join you today for this significant occasion—the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) and the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. This MoU is not just a formal agreement but a strategic commitment to enhancing transparency, accountability, and integrity in Nigeria’s health sector.

2. The health sector plays a critical role in national development, and its effective functioning is essential for the well-being of our citizens. However, we are all aware that corruption and financial mismanagement continue to pose serious threats to service delivery, particularly in the administration of the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) and other critical funding sources. Leakages, diversion of funds, and inefficiencies in resource utilisation deny millions of Nigerians access to quality healthcare.

3. Through this collaboration, ICPC and the Ministry will work together to strengthen preventive measures against corruption in the health sector. Our focus will be on ensuring transparency in fund allocation, improving oversight mechanisms, and holding accountable those entrusted with public resources. Additionally, we will engage sub-national entities to promote the judicious utilisation of health funds at all levels.

4. ICPC remains committed to institutional reforms that will not only detect and prosecute those who engage in corrupt practices but also prevent them from occurring in the first place. This partnership aligns with our broader efforts in system review, ethics compliance, and public sector integrity enhancement.

5. I commend the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate, CON and his team for their willingness to work closely with ICPC in strengthening governance structures in the health sector. It is my hope that this MoU will translate into meaningful actions that improve service delivery, restore public confidence, and ultimately save lives.

6. As we sign this agreement today, I urge all stakeholders—government agencies, development partners, civil society, and the media—to support this initiative and ensure that the objectives of this partnership are fully realised. Together, we can build a more transparent and accountable health sector for the benefit of all Nigerians.

7. On this note, I once again express my gratitude to all those who have contributed to making this collaboration a reality. May this be the beginning of a transformative journey towards a more efficient and corruption-free health system in Nigeria.

**Thank you, and God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.**