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INTRODUCTION

- Nigeria Total population: 182,200,000 people (UNFPA, 2015).
- poverty rate 71.5 % (NBS 2012)
- maternal mortality rate of 560 deaths per 100,000 live births
- Conflict: Almost 2,152,000 internally displaced
- **107,816** refugees
- 85% as a result of insurgency attacks by Islamists.
 (IDCM 2015).

- high unemployment,
- persistent and growing levels of poverty
- widening inequalities between rich and poor
- low or non-existent social protection
- poor working conditions and
- lack of decent work.
- better wages
- better working environments and career development opportunities

Migration and Quality Public Services

- worsening and inequitable healthcare provision in Nigeria as health workers seek better pay and conditions of employment overseas.
- It is for this reason that the PSI and trade unions in the Nigeria challenge the government's emphasis on migration for development

Addressing the root causes of Migration in health sector

- A working environment where workers are valued,
- that is safe and stress free,
- that provides satisfying work and opportunities for career development,
- adequate levels of social protection,
- access to healthcare,

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- education and job opportunities
- Universal access to public services and social protection will also prevent Nigerians from taking perilous journeys, and risking further marginalization, as they seek economic opportunities in other countries.
- investment in public services and working conditions that enable valuable workers to be retained, enabling them to contribute to the creation of high quality public services.



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