

**LEAD DEBATE ON THE FEDERAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL (EST.
ETC.) BILL, 2018.**

1.0 Sponsored by Senator Muhammad Adamu Aliero

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, thank you for the opportunity to lead the debate on the general principles of the Federal Referral Hospitals (Establishments Etc.) Bill, 2018. You will recall that this bill was read for the first time on the 21st December, 2017.

The Bill is aimed at providing the legal and institutional framework for the operation of six state of the art Federal Referral Hospitals in the country. The Bill seeks to strengthen and cure the inadequacy and inefficiency of Federal Government owned tertiary health facilities in Nigeria.

It is also at bridging the existing gap between primary/secondary health care and tertiary health care delivery in Nigeria. It will reduce the drain in our foreign exchange because it will provide all the health care required by Nigerians locally instead of travelling to

Europe, America or middle east for medical treatment. There are twenty (20) Teaching Hospitals, 22 Federal medical centers in 22 states of the Federation and 10 specialized hospitals established by the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN).

2.0 Mr. President Distinguished colleagues despite this large number of 52 health care institutions, Nigerians particularly well to do individuals still travel abroad and spend billions of dollars annually of our scarce foreign exchange largely due to inadequate facilities and insufficient number of medical personnel that manned these institutions.

3.0 Ironically when one travels abroad to Europe, America or Middle East one sees a number of Nigerian trained Medical and health care professionals manning various medical health Institutions. This invariably means that, we have not provided enabling environment to these health care professionals to stay at home and do their medical practice.

Mr. President, Distinguished colleagues, the bill under clause 4 provides for the composition of the respective boards of the Federal Referral hospitals established by this Bill with the following functions.

- a) To equip, maintain and operate the hospitals so as to provide facilities for diagnosis, preventive, curative, and rehabilitative service in medical treatment.
- b) To support and provide enabling environment for medical training of personnel as the Board may consider necessary.
- c) To run an effective and cost effective medical services to Nigerians
- d) To review and update medical findings and research from time to time.

The Hospitals will provide services in the following specialized areas in addition to their core mandate.

(1) Neurosurgery (2) Nephrology (3) Cardiology (4) Urology (5) Orthopedics (6) Endocrinology (7) Pediatrics (8) Internal Medicine (9) Oncology/Chemotherapy/ Radiotherapy (10) Ear, Nose and Throat Treatment (ENT) (11) Gynecology (12) Psychiatry (13) Nuclear Medicine (14) Other fields of Medicine that may be required by Nigerians

Conclusion

Mr. President, Distinguished colleagues, in view of the foregoing explanations, I urge you all to support the speedy passage of the bill into law.

COMPENDIUM

Displaying a synopsis of background information and financial implication of the proposed Federal referral hospitals (EST. Etc.) Bill 2018.

In compliance with Order 77(3) of the Standing Order of the Senate 2015 (as amended with respect to the procedure on Bills, Compendium and Consolidation, which states inter alia that "On the introduction of a Bill, a compendium on background information and financial implications of such Bills if passed into law shall be delivered to all senators. The following compilation with regard to the aforementioned Bill is herewith presented for the general information of the senators.

It is worthy of note that the compilation shown below is a summary of the contemplated overhead Costs, Recurrent and Capital Expenditure for the take-off of each of the Hospital Management Boards.

EQUIPMENTS

(1) M.R.I Equipment	-	250,000,000.00
(2) C.T. Scan	-	200,000,000.00
(3) Scanners	-	150, 000,000.00
(4) E.C.G. Equipment	-	100, 000,000.00
(5) Sonography	-	80,000,000.00
(6) Others Equipment's	-	<u>200,000,000.00</u>
(7) Sub Total		<u>980,000,000.00</u>

RECURRENT ESTIMATE: - As provided in the 2018 budget

OPERATIONAL VEHICLES

S/N	ITEM	UNITS	UNIT PRICE (N)	TOTAL PRICE (N)
1.	16 seater bus	1	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00
2	Salon car for the E.S	2	11,000,000.00	22,000,000.00
	Sub total			<u>42,000,000.00</u>

AUGMENTATION OF THE EXISTING EMOLUMENTS, ALLOWANCES AND OVERHEARD:

	(N)
1. Staff basic salaries per annum	- 20,000,000.00
2. Allowances	- 10,000,000.00
3. Overheard	- 10,000,000.00
4. Staff training	- 10,000,000.00
5. Contingency	- <u>10,000,000.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>60,000,000.00</u>

The foregoing compilation proffers a fair approximation of the financial implication for the establishment of the hospitals. To all intents and purposes, the financial outlay estimated and projected is a modest one appropriated for the effective discharge and performance of the duties contemplated in this Bill.