



Whereas National Drug Authority (NDA) was established by the National Drug Policy and Authority (NDP/A) Act Cap. 206 to ensure the availability at all times, of essential, efficacious and cost-effective drugs to the entire population of Uganda;

Whereas Allied Health Professionals Council was established by Allied Health Professionals Act Cap 268 to regulate, supervise and control the training and practice of the Allied Health Professionals in Uganda;

Whereas Uganda Medical and Dental Practitioners Council was established by the Medical and Dental Practitioners Act Cap 272 to regulate and enforce standards of education and practice for medical and dental professionals in Uganda;

Whereas Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council was established by the Nurses and Midwives Act Cap 274 to regulate, supervise and control the training and practice of the nurses and midwives in Uganda;

Whereas the Pharmacy Board was established by the Pharmacy and Drugs Act Cap 280 to register and exercise disciplinary control over pharmacists in Uganda;

NOTING that the health care practice has been characterized by inadequate inspection and supervision resulting into various forms and dimensions of professional misconduct

RECOGNISING our efforts to alleviate all forms of health care risks to patients, health workers and the general public;

CONSIDERING our commitment to establishing and maintaining effective regulation of professionals and health facilities;

EXERCISING our statutory mandate as established by law and under the forum of Registrars of the under signed Health Professional Councils (HPCs), Pharmacy Board and National Drug Authority (NDA);

DO HEREBY, in and through this joint communiqué arising out of the Registrar's forum meeting held on the 18th day of July 2018 at Kampala Uganda, solemnly adopt and inform all stakeholders that the Health Professional Councils, the Pharmacy Board and National Drug Authority will jointly and severally take the following actions to increase compliance and thus protect the public;

To address the increasing number of non-qualified or unlicensed personnel manning licensed health facilities, we undertake to:

- **Revoke** licenses of non-compliant facilities and prosecute / discipline the registered/licensed professionals in charge of the health facility.
- **Take disciplinary** action against under qualified and/or prosecute unqualified persons managing private health facilities.

To address the increasing number of professionals/practitioners practicing beyond the authorized scope, we resolve to:

- **Take** disciplinary action against all professionals /practitioners who practice beyond the authorized scope.

To address the declining standards of licensed facilities arising from inadequate supervision, we undertake to:

- **License** health facilities only when the supervising professional/practitioner of the health facility resides within a radius not exceeding 100 kms from the health facility.
- **Require** that in-case of absence of the licensed professional, a registered cadre of equal qualification should be available in the facility.
- **Require** evidence of regular availability by the supervising professional at the facility.

To address the delay and /or failure by Private and Private Not for Profit health facilities to submit monthly Health Management Information System (HMIS) reports to the District or City Health Authority,

- **All private and PNFP health facilities must submit** monthly HMIS report to the district or City Health Authority hall in accordance with HMIS format as a prerequisite for licensing with immediate effect

We resolve to penalize non-compliant health facilities through cancellation of licenses or closure of non-compliant facilities.

The health regulators will continue to educate the practitioners and other stakeholders on their responsibilities and obligations.

Signed

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