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In 2024, the Lagos government issued an Executive Order to mandate compulsory health insurance for all residents of the state, domesticating the National Health Insurance Authority Act of 2022.<sup>1212</sup> The Ministry of Health of the aforementioned state indicated that a first phase of the healthcare plan would be focused on the formal sector; a second phase, on the informal sector; and a third phase, on ‘other population groups’.  
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In an effort to increase healthcare capacity in the Federal Capital Territory Minister announced the hiring of 34 resident doctors from a total of 60 that are expected to cover different areas including internal medicine, surgery, anaesthesiology, ophthalmology, obstetrics, and gynaecology.<sup>1214</sup> In several Abuja’s poorest communities, service providers provide family planning contraceptives.<sup>1215</sup> No additional information on this topic, specifically regarding Abuja and relevant for the reference period of this report, could be found among all source consulted.

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