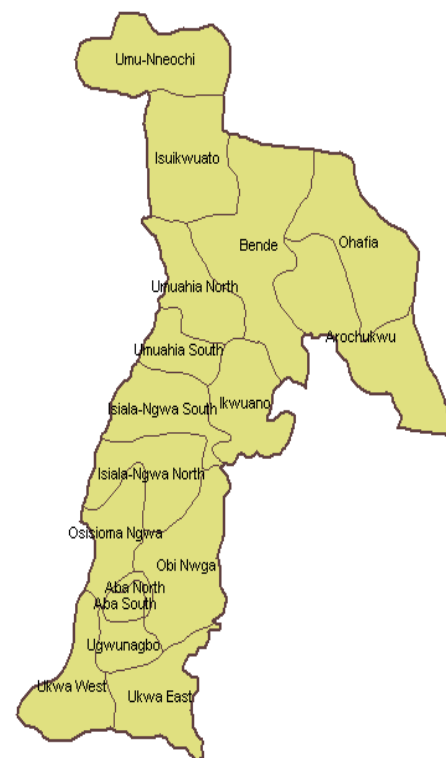




## ABIA STATE REPORT Q2 2015 – Q2 2016

### Major Developments

- The EU-SIGN State Technical Assistant (STA) provides continued advocacy to strengthen the State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA).
- EU-SIGN addresses key issues of data management, training and weak cold chain through supportive supervision and on-going capacity building.
- 44 DDSRs were delivered to Abia State which currently awaits commencement of renovations on 1 Health Facility (Umunna Nsulu LGA) and 1 Cold Store (Ohafia LGA).



Source: STA Team

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Total Population: 3,601,917  
Population 0-11 months: 144,077

LGAs	17	Hospitals (Secondary & Tertiary Hospitals)	11 & 2
Wards (Political) / Health Districts	291	Mission Hospitals	5
Settlements (Communities)	2,880	PHC Centres / Health Posts Offering Routine Immunisation (RI)	715
		Private Health Facilities (Offering RI)	144

## Background

Abia State is in the South-East Zone of Nigeria and EU-SIGN activities began there in April 2015.

A State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA) has been established since 10 July 2012. Progress is being measured by assessment and scoring of the nine elements that are necessary to implement Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR), this includes governance, a Minimum Service Package (MSP), human resources and funding. This has proven to be a successful advocacy tool to help the Board Members and stakeholders see progress and act on specific areas in need of strengthening. Restructuring of LGA staff is happening in all LGAs to support PHCUOR. The PHCUOR Bill has been passed and signed by the State Governor in Q3 2015. There is a continuing need to advocate for increased political will in support of PHCUOR.

At the start of EU-SIGN, immunisation coverage in Abia State was low due to a health workers' strike, but coverage has increased for all vaccines except tetanus toxoid and by June 2015, Pentavalent 3 reached 98%. Most planned fixed immunisation sessions are implemented, with less frequency for outreach sessions, likely due to lack of funding for logistics. Abia State introduced Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) in June 2015 and Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) in April 2016. In Quarter 2 2016, Pentavalent 3 was 98%, OPV3 was 96% and Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine coverage was 93%.

The State uses an immunisation dashboard to monitor vaccine supplies and stock-outs which shows that there are LGAs in Abia State that are experiencing stock-outs or minimum balance of syringes and vaccines. Abia State's cold chain is in severe need of new equipment and repairs of existing equipment and cannot adequately store the necessary vaccines.

Data management is poor in Abia State, and like many of the other States, training is urgently needed. With EU-SIGN funding, Abia State conducted its District Health Information System (DHIS) 2 training in Q2 2016, which will help to identify and address some of the data issues. Basic service provider training will also help to improve skills, stock management and monitoring.

## EU-SIGN Activities in Abia State

- The STA has been actively involved in Integrated Supportive Supervision (ISS) visits, which are an important opportunity to observe performance, review data, provide training and assess the condition of the cold chain. During each visit, the STA conducts on-the-job training to improve immunisation skills, vaccine management and data management.
- EU-SIGN is involved in State-level Working Groups and the STA is a member of the Immunisation Training Team, Data Management Team and the recently inaugurated State Technical Team on Primary/Public Health.
- The STA is also involved in polio activities, including planning, monitoring and training for Immunisation Plus Days and activities surrounding the switch from trivalent to bivalent OPV. The STA is also supporting the polio certification / documentation process.
- EU-SIGN supports Abia State as it works towards a functional SPHCDA. This includes advocacy and continued monitoring of progress and identifying areas for strengthening, building political will, and increasing awareness on the benefits of PHCUOR.
- EU-SIGN provides technical and facilitation support for training in the State, including training sessions for PCV introduction, IPV introduction, integrated measles campaign training, Surveillance and Maternal and Child Health week training.
- EU-SIGN supported the DHIS2 training which will help improve data management and reporting issues in the State.

- EU-SIGN supported cold chain needs assessments in the LGAs and wards to update the State cold chain inventory and to help address gaps in equipment needs and repair.
- EU-SIGN implemented the quarterly advocacy/ad-hoc review meeting on RI activities and engagement of the State on cold chain equipment planned preventive maintenance strategy implementation with partners and the State team.
- EU-SIGN supported the State in identifying five CSOs/NGOs for sharing RI/PHC information and working with communities in the State.
- EU-SIGN provided 43 big and 1 small Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (24 big DDSRs have been installed, waiting for directives for the distribution and installation of the second batch of 20 big and 1 small DDSR). Umunna Nsulu Health Facility and Ohafia Cold Store in Isiala Ngwa North and Ohafia LGAs were assessed and contractors are expected to begin renovation work soon (See table below).

### EU-SIGN Supported Equipment, Construction and Renovation Works in Abia State

EU-SIGN PROJECT SUPPORT AND PROJECT IN ABIA STATE UPDATED - AUGUST 2016					
			<i>August 2016 Exchange Rate:</i>	339.9548	
S/N	ITEMS	Qty	Unit Cost in Euro	Amount in Euro	Comments
	<b>SUPPLY</b>				
1a	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (big size = 90-120 Lts)	43	8,423	362,189	
1b	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (small size = 30-105 Lts)	1	6,151	6,151	
	<b>Sub-Total Cost DDSR</b>			<b>368,340</b>	
2	Vehicle 4WD	1	31,210	31,210	Inspection done, expecting the delivery any time from now
3	Computer systems	4	1,252	5,007	Yet to be delivered; to be done before 7 of October, 2016
	<b>SUB-TOTAL SUPPLY COST</b>			<b>404,557</b>	
	<b>WORKS / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF COLD STORES AND HEALTH FACILITIES</b>				
	<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
	<b>RENOVATION</b>				
1	Umunna Nsulu LGA (Health Facility)	1	39,490	39,490	
2	Ohafia LGA (Cold Store)	1	39,490	39,490	
	<b>SUB-TOTAL WORKS COST</b>			<b>78,980</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL IN EURO</b>			<b>483,537</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL EQUIVALENT IN NAIRA</b>			<b>164,380,887</b>	