



AKWA IBOM STATE REPORT (Q2 2015 to Q2 2016)

Major Developments

- EU-SIGN is well integrated into immunisation Working Groups and State immunisation and disease surveillance activities.
- EU-SIGN provides consistent support and advocacy for the establishment of a State Primary Health Care Development Agency, despite challenges.
- 43 DDSRs delivered (25 DDSRs were installed in 15 LGAs) and 1 State cold store construction is on-going in Effo, Eket LGA.



Source: STA Team

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Total Population: 5,476,664
Population 0-11 months: 219,066

LGAs	31	Mission Hospitals	6
Wards	328	PHC centres / Health Posts / Health Centres	507
Hospitals	47	Private Health Facilities	88
Tertiary Hospitals	2		

Background

Akwa Ibom State is in the South-South Zone of Nigeria and EU-SIGN activities began in the State in April 2015.

A State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA) has not yet been established in Akwa Ibom, despite on-going advocacy efforts and the political will of the Honourable Commissioner for Health. The State regularly reviews the Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) score sheet to assess the State's progress. However, scoring has remained stagnant at 4% since the inception of the project.

At the start of the EU-SIGN Project, the drafted PHCUOR Bill was said to be with the State House of Assembly, but was later located with the Ministry of Justice, where it is being reviewed. The State House is waiting for the Bill to be reviewed before deliberation. Advocacy from national level stakeholders would help to facilitate passage of the Bill into law.

Immunisation coverage is high in Akwa Ibom State and in June 2016, the State registered 89% Pentavalent 3 coverage; 88% OPV coverage and 80% Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) coverage. The State introduced IPV in June 2015 and introduced Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) in August 2016.

The State inventory showed that most equipment at the LGA is over ten years old and very few are still functioning. EU-SIGN conducted an assessment in Q1 2016 to update the inventory and state of repairs.

Data management is a challenge, similar to other States. Health workers are incorrectly entering data which affects overall State data, new data sheets tools are not available, and health workers are not using tally sheets during immunisation sessions. District Health Information System (DHIS) 2 training has been conducted, which will help to improve data collection and monitoring.

EU-SIGN Activities in Akwa Ibom State

- The STA and his counterparts are actively involved in ISS visits and is able to identify key challenges at the LGA and Ward-level. During the visits, the STA and the supervision team provide on-the-job training, primarily in data management where health workers' skills are very low.
- EU-SIGN is involved in monthly immunisation meetings, including meetings with local Immunisation Officers, Monitoring and Evaluation Officers and Disease Surveillance Network Officers; CDC N-STOP disease surveillance, immunisation logistics, dashboard reviews and data validation meetings. Quarterly RI coordination review meetings with State partners have been conducted, which has helped to establish and improve RI Interagency Coordination Committee (ICC) activities.
- EU-SIGN is involved in most training sessions conducted in the State, including training on reducing unimmunised children; Maternal, Newborn and Child Health weeks; PCV vaccine introduction; and Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) introduction.
- EU-SIGN supports polio eradication activities; including planning, supervision, monitoring and facilitating training for Immunisation Plus Days (IPD) and providing technical assistance during the switch from trivalent to bivalent OPV.
- The STA is actively involved in surveillance activities, particularly in support of rapid surveillance assessments in preparation for polio certification in the State.
- EU-SIGN has identified five reputable Civil Society Organisations / Non-Governmental Organisations to promote and strengthen relationships between communities and service delivery institutions in the management of vaccine-preventable diseases.
- The STA provides on-going capacity building / mentoring and technical assistance including advocacy and planning.
- EU-SIGN continues high-level advocacy to key decision-makers and stakeholders to gain support for the establishment of a SPHCDA. However, bottlenecks (as stated above) are preventing the State from moving forward.
- 43 DDSRs have been delivered (25 DDSRs were installed in 15 LGAs) and 1 State cold store construction is on-going (See table below).

EU-SIGN Supported Equipment, Construction and Renovation Works in Akwa Ibom State

EU-SIGN PROJECT SUPPORT AND PROJECT IN AKWA IBOM STATE - UPDATED AUGUST 2016					
			<i>August 2016 Exchange Rate:</i>	339.9548	
S/N	ITEMS	Qty	Unit Cost in Euro	Amount in Euro	Comments
	SUPPLY				
1a	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (big size = 90-120 Lts)	42	8,423	353,766	
1b	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (small size = 30-105 Lts)	1	6,151	6,151	
	Sub-Total Cost DDSR			359,917	
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
	SUB-TOTAL SUPPLY COST			396,134	
	WORKS / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF COLD STORES AND HEALTH FACILITIES				
	CONSTRUCTION				
1	Eket LGA (Cold Store)	1	96,937	96,937	
	RENOVATION				
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	SUB-TOTAL WORKS COST			96,937	
	GRAND TOTAL IN EURO			493,072	
	GRAND TOTAL EQUIVALENT IN NAIRA			167,622,025	