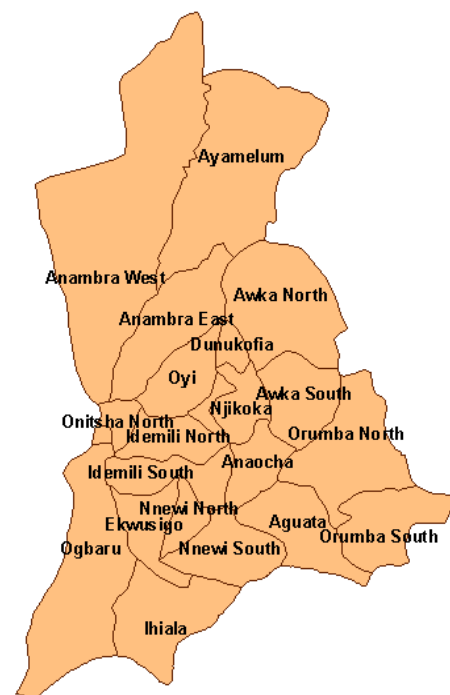




ANAMBRA STATE REPORT (Q4 2014 – Q2 2016)

Major Developments

- The EU-SIGN State Technical Assistant (STA) has facilitated the establishment of the State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA).
- EU-SIGN supported the passage of the State Health Bill.
- 78 DDSR have been delivered; 1 construction Ayamelum LGA cold chain store is on-going; and 1 Primary Health Care Facility (Nkpologwu LGA) has been renovated.



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Total Population: 5,512,080
Population 0-11 months: 220,488

LGAs	21	Hospitals	35
Wards	330	Mission Hospitals	23
Health Districts	235	PHC Centres	286
		Private Health Facilities	1,350
Communities	177	Health Posts	186

Background

Anambra State, in the South-East Zone, was one of the first EU-SIGN States with activities starting in October 2014. The Project was officially launched on 29 April 2015.

When EU-SIGN began, there was no State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA) in place in the State. Advocacy was started immediately to gain support and to pass the Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) policy. The State Ministry of Health has worked hard to establish the SPHCDA and the State Health Bill was passed and signed by the Governor in January 2015. The Executive Secretary has been appointed and a Board has been established and inaugurated. Office space with office equipment had been provided and a take-off grant had been released. Key staff have been posted to the Agency while a staff audit (SMOH and LGA) is on-going which is preparatory for deployment to the Agency. However, difficulties remain to overcome some opposing trade unions which risk delaying the final establishment of the Agency.

Progress towards PHCUOR is measured by a scorecard. The PHCUOR scorecard had moved from a mere 7% in the last quarter of 2014 to 56% in the last quarter of 2015; it has now moved to over 60% in Q2 2016 due to Anambra State's progress on governance, office space and legislation.

Anambra State has high Pentavalent 3 (110%), OPV 3 (110%) and IPV (80%) coverage and was a one of the first States to introduce Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) in 2014. In May 2016, PCV coverage was 112%. The State reports good availability of vaccines. The cold chain and distribution system, however, require attention. According to STA supervision reports, equipment at the LGA and ward level is often in serious disrepair. There is a lack of funds for transportation and outreach activities. Health workers often have to pay to collect vaccines.

Data quality and management issues need to be addressed to confirm results. There are sometimes irregularities in supply of RI data management tools, but they have been recently updated and provided by the State. Health workers in Anambra State will benefit greatly from data management training and Basic Guide for Service Providers training as technical skills need updating.

EU-SIGN Activities in Anambra State

- EU-SIGN is fully integrated into the State immunisation working groups, collaborating with the Government and partners to address and find solutions to the immunisation issues within the State.
- EU-SIGN supports Anambra's efforts to establish their SPHCDA by providing high-level advocacy and by strengthening the core elements of PHCUOR.
- The STA conducts supportive supervision and also participates in Integrated Supportive Supervision (ISS) visits in the State, which is an important opportunity to observe performance, review data, provide on-the-job training and assess the condition of the cold chain.
- EU-SIGN participates in the monthly Local Immunisation Officers' and Disease Surveillance Network Officers' meetings, and addresses findings from the immunisation dashboard, DVD-MT and supportive supervision.
- EU-SIGN is an active partner on polio eradication activities in the State, including providing technical assistance, training and monitoring on Immunisation Plus Days and for the polio vaccine switch.
- Anambra State officials and the STA participated in an EU-SIGN supported training on European Development Fund management.
- EU-SIGN supported training on the District Health Information System (DHIS) 2 and subsequent supervision to improve data management issues in the State.

- The EU-SIGN State team conducted cold chain assessments at LGAs and wards with high capacity gaps in order to identify gaps and organise repairs.
- EU-SIGN created a database of Community Based Organisations and Civil Society Organisations that are operating in health-related areas in the State.
- EU-SIGN is working with Civil Society Organisations in the State to promote routine immunisation and Primary Health Care services in Anambra communities.
- The EU-SIGN project launching was broadcasted over the network news, Anambra state Broadcasting Service (TV and radio) and many national newspapers. Handover of the DDSRs to the state and technical takeover of Nkpologwu PHC were also covered by national newspapers.
- EU-SIGN has provided 78 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (installed 33); renovation in 1 health facility and 1 cold store construction (See table below).

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

EU-SIGN PROJECT SUPPORT AND PROJECT IN ANAMBRA STATE – UPDATED JULY 2016					
			August 2016 Exchange Rate:	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)	76	8,423	640,148	
1b	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (small size = 30-105 Lts)	2	6,151	12,302	
	Sub-Total Cost DDSR			652,450	
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			688,667	
	WORKS / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF COLD STORES AND HEALTH FACILITIES				
	CONSTRUCTION				
1	Ayemelum LGA (Cold Store)	1	96,937	96,937	
	RENOVATION				
2	Nkpologwu LGA (Health Facility)	1	39,490	39,490.02	
	SUB-TOTAL WORKS COST			136,427	
	GRAND TOTAL IN EURO			825,095	
	GRAND TOTAL EQUIVALENT IN NAIRA			280,494,843	