



## CROSS RIVER STATE REPORT (Q4 2014 – Q2 2016)

### Major Developments

- EU-SIGN provided technical support towards the establishment and approval of the State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA) and supported the development of a multi-year operational plan
- EU-SIGN State Team Assistant (STA) is actively involved in improving data collection, management and quality
- 10 Direct Drive Solar Refrigerators have been delivered and 3 have been installed and 1 cold store renovation was cancelled.



Source: STA Team

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Total Population: 3,736,636  
Population 0-11 months: 149,464

LGAs	18	Hospitals	20
Wards	196	Mission Hospitals	9
Communities	5,219	PHC Facilities	904
		Private Health Facilities	58
		Health Posts	591

## Background

Cross River State is in the South-South Zone of Nigeria and EU-SIGN activities began there in November 2014. The EU-SIGN project has not yet been officially launched, awaiting the availability of key stakeholders.

There was no SPHCDA at the start of EU-SIGN in Cross River State and Primary Health Care (PHC) activities were conducted under the Department of Community and PHC. A Bill to create a PHC Agency was signed into law in 2010 and was approved in mid-2015. A Board and a Director General have been appointed and the STA has provided support to developing a multi-year operational plan for the Agency. While the SPHCDA score has increased to 12%, there is still need for office set-up, financing, and repositioning of personnel.

Cross River State reports high immunisation coverage in Q2 2016 (DPT3 = 111%; OPV3 = 110%; IPV = 71%). The Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) was introduced in April 2015 and the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) was introduced in March 2016. However, the immunisation programme faces cold chain challenges at the State and LGA levels. The State cold store has insufficient storage capacity and unreliable power supply and the LGAs often struggle to supply the generators with fuel. 50% of freezers and refrigerators are non-functional and need repair. Transportation to deliver vaccines is also a challenge. In Q2 2016, only 50% of the LGAs had an adequate supply of vaccines.

Cross River State has established Ward Development Committees (WDC) in all wards in the State and their mandate is to increase community support for Routine Immunisation (RI), to help implement campaigns and RI outreach services and to track unimmunised children. The WDC meets once a month. The Ward Focal Person is the most senior health worker in the ward.

As with the other EU-SIGN States, data management and data quality are a challenge. The State is using the Health Management Immunisation System (HMIS) for RI reporting and the District Vaccine Data Management Tool (DVD-MT) to track vaccine stock and supplies. It is important to integrate data sources in Cross River State as there are different tools and different donors using different data forms. EU-SIGN supported a Data Quality Use Supportive Supervision (DQUSS) training session to improve quality data collection at the LGA and health facility levels. DQUSS is a component of the District Health Information System (DHIS) 2.

States are facing a difficult economic situation and many State Governments are cutting budgets, which will affect several immunisation activities, especially funding for supervision, outreach and Reaching Every Ward (REW) activities. There have been strikes due to non-payment of salaries to State and LGA workers.

## EU-SIGN Activities in Cross River State

- The EU-SIGN STA has been a strong advocate for the SPHCDA and PHCUOR and is now well placed to continue to strengthen the Agency as it establishes itself.
- EU-SIGN participates in State-level immunisation meetings, including the monthly RI meeting with the Local Immunisation Officers and PHC Officers and weekly RI State meetings. It is an opportunity to update information on RI, cold chain, vaccine storage and availability, and the transport and logistics situation in the State.
- The STA 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 is involved in supporting polio eradication activities; including planning, monitoring and supervising Immunisation Plus Days and supporting the polio vaccine switch from trivalent to bivalent OPV. He has also supported Maternal, Newborn and Child Health weeks and Integrated Measles Campaigns in the State.

- The STA has provided technical assistance and training to the LGA PHC/RI team on proper collection and use of data, data quality, management and use is an important issue in Cross River State. He also works with the State Government and partners to ensure that data is integrated and one data system is used by all.
- EU-SIGN has provided 10 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (See table below).

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

EU-SIGN PROJECT SUPPORT AND PROJECT IN CROSS RIVER STATE - UPDATED AUGUST 2016					
			August 2016 Exchange Rate:	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)	10	8,423	84,230	
1b	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (small size = 30-105 Lts)	0	6,151	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Cost DDSR</b>			<b>84,230</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>120,447</b>	
	<b>WORKS / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF COLD STORES AND HEALTH FACILITIES</b>				
	<b>RENOVATION</b>				
1	Calabar State Cold Store (Cancelled)	1	-		
	<b>SUB TOTAL WORKS COST</b>			<b>-</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL IN EURO</b>			<b>120,447</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL EQUIVALENT IN NAIRA</b>			<b>40,946,687.77</b>	