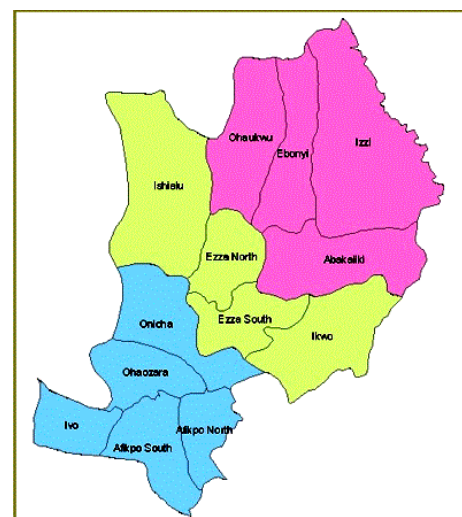




## EBONYI STATE REPORT (Q2 2015 – Q1 2016)

### Major Developments

- The EU-SIGN State Team Assistant (STA) is actively involved in advocating and supporting the establishment of the State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA).
- EU-SIGN participates in all State-level immunisation activities, including supportive supervision and training for polio eradication activities.
- 38 Direct Drive Solar Refrigerators have been delivered and 1 renovation (Akpoha LGA Health Facility) and 1 construction (Abakaliki LGA Cold Store) are on-going.



Source of map: STA Team

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Total Population: 286,477  
Population 0-11 months: 114,591

LGAs	13	Hospitals	13
Political Wards	171	Mission Hospitals	6
Health Districts	296	PHC Centres	305
		Private Health Facilities	62
Communities	139	Health Posts	112

### Background

Ebonyi State is in the South-East Zone of Nigeria and EU-SIGN activities began there in April 2015. The project has not yet been officially launched because it was not one of the selected States.

At the start of EU-SIGN activities in Ebonyi State, a State Primary Health Care Agency (SPHCDA) had not yet been established. EU-SIGN held a high-level advocacy workshop for States in the South-East Zone that had yet to establish SPHCDA. Following that workshop, a Bill was re-submitted to the House of Assembly to approve the establishment of the SPHCDA. The Bill was then pushed by the High Commissioner for Health to the State Executive Council for approval and signed into law by the Governor in 2016. In the meantime, the State is working to prepare for the SPHCDA and to achieve the necessary steps to ensure Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR). In June 2015, the PHCUOR score was 7%; by Q1 2016, the score had increased to 29%.

The EU-SIGN STA is actively involved in all partners' meetings on immunisation and also participates and provides technical guidance to the Local Immunisation Officers' and the Disease Surveillance Notification Officers' monthly meeting. The immunisation programme in Ebonyi State is strong with available stock, good vaccine administration, and regular outreach services. However, there are weaknesses in the system that will need to be addressed to maintain high coverage, primarily in the cold chain and operational funding. There are also large numbers of unimmunised children. The Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) was introduced in January 2015 and the Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) was introduced in June 2015. As of Q1 2016, DPT3 coverage was 102%; OPV3 was 104% and IPV was 93%.

Funding for immunisation and maternal and child health activities is lacking and more advocacy needs to be done to ensure that programmes are adequately funded. Insufficient funding affects the State's ability to implement activities, to provide transportation for outreach and supervision visits and to support maintenance of the cold chain. Funding also affects the payment of health worker salaries, which leads to strike actions.

#### **EU-SIGN Activities in Ebonyi State**

- The EU-SIGN STA continues to follow the political developments towards the establishment of the SPHCDA and works with other partners to improve the Ebonyi State's preparation for PHCUOR.
- 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 was involved in the planning, preparation, facilitation and monitoring of Immunisation Plus Days and the switch from trivalent to bivalent OPV. The STA was also involved in preparing and monitoring Integrated Measles Campaigns, and Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus Elimination rounds.
- EU-SIGN participated in the preparation and implementation of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Weeks, including training on routine immunisation.
- The STA is involved and co-facilitates monthly meetings with Local Immunisation Officers and Disease Surveillance Notification Officers and provides technical guidance on best practices.
- EU-SIGN has provided 38 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators, renovations in one facility and one construction is on-going (see table below).

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

EU-SIGN PROJECT SUPPORT AND PROJECT IN EBONYI STATE – UPDATED AUGUST 2016					
			August 2016 Exchange Rate:	339.955	
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)	37	8,423	311,651	
	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (small size = 30-105 Lts)	1	6,151	6,151	
	<b>Sub-Total Cost DDSR</b>			<b>317,802</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>354,019</b>	
<b>WORKS / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF COLD STORES AND HEALTH FACILITIES</b>					
	<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
1	Abakaliki LGA (Cold Store)	1	96,937	96,937	
	<b>RENOVATION</b>				
2	Akpoha LGA (Health Facility)	1	39,490	39,490.02	
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	<b>SUB-TOTAL WORKS COST</b>			<b>136,427.07</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL IN EURO</b>			<b>490,447</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL EQUIVALENT IN NAIRA</b>			<b>166,729,649</b>	