



KANO STATE REPORT (Q4 2014 – Q2 2016)

Major Developments

- EU-SIGN is integrated into State Routine Immunisation (RI) and Primary Health Care (PHC) activities in Kano State and provides technical guidance on Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) governance and supporting structures.
- The EU-SIGN State Technical Assistant (STA) is actively involved in expanding community engagement and access to RI by working with traditional and religious leaders in Kano State.
- EU-SIGN has provided 39 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR), renovations in 2 health facilities (Jido, Dawakin Kudu and Kunchi), 2 cold stores (Kiru and Shanono) and 1 cold store construction (Dawakin Kudu).



Source: STA Team

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Total Population: 12,166,786
Population 0-11 months: 486,671

LGAs	44	PHC Centres	160
Wards	484	Private Health Facilities	333
Hospitals	39	Health Posts	835
Mission Hospitals	3		

Background

Kano State is in the North-West Zone of Nigeria and EU-SIGN activities began there in October 2014. The project was officially launched on 16 April 2016.

Currently, there is a tripartite arrangement between Kano State Government, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Dangote Foundation to strengthen RI systems, human resource, planning, budgeting, supply chain, supervision and data collection at every level, thus putting RI as a cornerstone to reach every community with improved PHC in the State.

Kano State operates its immunisation programme under the newly established State Primary Health Care Management Board (SPHCMB). The SPHCMB was established and has been fully functional since March 2012. All staff of the PHC structures have been transferred to and function under the SPHCMB, and all employments and promotions of PHC staff in the State are undertaken by the SPHCMB. While the LGA PHC Advisory Committees have been established, funding at the LGA level however is yet to be transferred to the SPHCMB.

In June 2015, the Kano State scored 92% towards achieving PHCUOR reforms and a committee was established to monitor progress. An assessment from Q4 2015 showed that the Governing Board was not in place; a high-calibre human resource committee for the Board had not been formed; a human resource audit report was not available; and there was insufficient funding available to support the SPHCMB.

Routine Immunisation in Kano State has improved greatly in the past few years. Previously, polio eradication was the main focus of immunisation activities in the State given its high-risk status, but now there is a much more holistic view of immunisation, resulting in improved coverage for all antigens; increased fixed and outreach services; and a stronger and wider-reaching cold chain. Vaccine distribution has also improved with 82% of all wards/equipped facilities directly receiving vaccines. In December 2014, coverage for OPV3 was 97% and Pentavalent 3 was 81%. By Q2 2016, coverage for Pentavalent 3 was 114%; OPV3 was 113% and Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) was 113%. Kano State introduced IPV in December 2014 and pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) in July 2016.

There are still some on-going challenges or areas for improvement. At the start of the EU-SIGN programme, weak community involvement and participation was the main constraint in RI services, especially in terms of support and ownership. There are also data quality issues at the LGA and health facility levels and high numbers of unimmunised children. While supportive supervision from State to LGA is functioning, it is less effective at the health facility and community levels.

There is significant donor support for immunisation activities in Kano State and ensuring that those activities are sustainable will be essential.

EU-SIGN Activities in Kano State

- The STA provides technical support to and briefing of officials of SPHCMB on the strengthening of implementation of PHCUOR and context of EU SIGN project support.
- EU-SIGN has been actively involved in strengthening and reinvigorating community engagement in Kano State, working closely with traditional leaders to increase community participation in and access to immunisation programmes. Initiatives to promote child-to-child tracking and baby tracking have been successful as well as engaging the Kano Emirate Council Committee on Health (KECCoH) to expand community engagement activities to include RI. Work with the KECCoH could dramatically increase access to and engagement with communities in Kano State.
- EU-SIGN is strongly represented on immunisation and SPHCDA working groups in Kano State [Logistics, RI, Social Mobilisation and Operational Research (established by EU-SIGN) Working Groups]; the District Health Information Systems (DHIS) core group; and monthly meetings with local immunisation officers and monitoring and evaluation officers. These are all platforms for sharing information, improving coordination and updating skills.
- The STA participates in supportive supervision visits in the State, which is 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. The STA participated in developing and applying supportive supervision standards to address discrepancies on conditions of engagement and qualification of supervisors.

- EU-SIGN provides technical support for training sessions, including IPV introduction, DHIS 2 and monitoring and evaluation; and on community engagement and RI for Emirate council members, District Heads, Wakilan Fuska and LGA chief Imams.
- EU-SIGN supports polio eradication activities, including planning, supervision and facilitating training for Immunisation Plus Days (IPD) and for the switch from trivalent to bivalent OPV. EU-SIGN helped to prepare and provide training for the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health weeks in the State.
- EU-SIGN identified five reputable Civil Society Organisations / Non-Governmental Organisations to disseminate RI and PHC information.
- EU-SIGN has provided 39 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR), renovations in 2 facilities, 2 cold stores and 1 new construction (see table below).

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

EU-SIGN PROJECT SUPPORT AND PROJECT IN KANO STATE – UPDATED AUGUST 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)	38	8,423	320,074	
1b	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (small size = 30-105 Lts)	1	6,151	6,151	
	Sub-Total Cost DDSR			326,225	
2	Vehicle 4WD (1 4WD for Kano State and 1 4WD for the zonal office)	2	31,210	62,421	Inspection done, expecting the delivery any time from now
3	Computer systems	8	1,252	10,014	Yet to be delivered; to be done before 7 of October, 2016
	SUB-TOTAL SUPPLY COST			398,660	
	WORKS / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF COLD STORE AND HEALTH FACILITIES				
	CONSTRUCTION				
1	Dawakin Kudu (Cold Store)	1	83,900	83,900	
	RENOVATION				
2	Jido/Dawakin Kudu (Health Facility)	1	43,979	43,979	
3	Kiru (Cold Store)	1	42,434	42,434	
4	Kunchi (Health Facility)	1	64,686	64,686	
5	Shanono (Cold Store)	1	39,252	39,252	
	SUB-TOTAL WORKS COST			274,252	
	GRAND TOTAL IN EURO			672,912	
	GRAND TOTAL EQUIVALENT IN NAIRA			228,759,647.36	