



KATSINA STATE REPORT (Q4 2014 – Q2 2015)

Major Developments

- The first EU SIGN State Team Assistant (STA) created awareness of the project and integrated EU-SIGN into several routine Immunisation (RI) working groups.
- Katsina State has been without a State Technical Assistant (STA) since June 2015. A replacement was hired in August 2016.
- Renovation in 1 health facility (Yanhoho, Kaita) and construction of 1 LGA cold store (Dandume, Sandamau).



Source: STA Team

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Total Population: 7,784,740
Population 0-11 months: 311,390

LGAs	34	Hospitals (Tertiary or Teaching)	3
Wards	361	Mission Hospitals	3
PHC zones	3	Secondary Hospitals	15
		Public Health Facilities offering RI	1618

Background

Katsina State is in the North-West zone of Nigeria and EU-SIGN activities began there in October 2014. The State was not selected for a project launch. The former State Technical Assistant (STA) resigned in June 2015 and his replacement began work in August 2016.

The State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA) was created in 2004 and is responsible for general policy and administration including appointment, promotion and disciplinary control of staff of the Agency and the management of its property and funds. The SPHCDA manages all the 34 Comprehensive Health Centers in the 34 LGAs. It also manages all PEI and RI activities and collaborates, coordinates and provides strategic guidance to LGAs and institutions to ensure effective PHC service delivery. It enjoys strong leadership from inception to date. In Q4 2014, Katsina State scored 77 on the Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) ranking, having scored high in areas of governance and leadership, legislation, office space, minimum service package, funding source and structure, human resource and system development.

There is strong health management and leadership in Katsina State and good collaboration among partners and other health initiatives. There is regular funding for RI from the State and from GAVI and there is a dedicated budget line for RI and polio activities. Katsina State also has a tripartite agreement with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Dangote Foundation.

The State is among those with low immunisation coverage due to various reasons spanning from inadequate human resource, poor funding, transport, weak supervision, low community awareness, cold chain management, limited capacity, poor data management among others. Multiple rounds of IPDs interfere with service provision, including RI, as service providers are the implementers of the campaigns.

Various initiatives were introduced by the government and supporting partners to address these problems. The State has increased the budget for health from as low as 4% in 2007 to over 8% in 2014. In addition to this, it has created a dedicated pooled fund for RI and PEI backed by regular funding (N3.4 Million monthly for RI and N24 million for every round PEI). Mobile ambulance service is used to augment the poor outreach services in the 34 LGAs. The State also bought 68 DDSRs to improve vaccine management. As of Q2 2016, Katsina State reported 95% Penta3 coverage, 92% OPV3 coverage and 88% IPV coverage.

EU-SIGN Activities in Katsina State

- The STA was able to integrate into immunisation activities and working groups and conducted Integrated Supportive Supervision visits in the State and create awareness for the project.
- The STA supported the State Immunisation Officer, Cold Chain Officer and Routine Immunisation (RI) Focal Person to ensure RI/vaccine data was produced on time and shared widely with all relevant stakeholders, revived the State Logistics Working Group and developed a partners' database.
- EU-SIGN facilitated on the first quarter SPHCDA-led PHC review meeting with Directors PHCs from all the 34 LGAs and partners to discuss RI performance, human resource, planning and finance and other service delivery and management issues
- EU-SIGN helped to establish the RI working group and RI is being discussed extensively in the State team and task force meetings. This followed series of pressure and lobby among partners by EU-SIGN using reports from supervisions, administrative data, DQA (data quality audit) and survey reports including CDC Immunisation Coverage Survey and 2013 NDHS report which shows the Fully immunised children to be mere 9% despite administrative data that always shows over 80% coverage of all antigens.
- EU-SIGN collaborated State and NPHCDA in the conduct of Post Implementation Evaluation of New Vaccine (IPV, PCV) in selected LGAs, provided technical support in the training of service providers from the 9 selected high risk LGAs on RI intensification, Assessment of MNCH Scorecard with NPHCDA and State and implementation of SIAs.
- EU-SIGN has provided renovations in 1 health facility and construction of 1 LGA cold store (See table below).

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

EU-SIGN PROJECT SUPPORT AND PROJECT IN KATSINA 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				
1	Vehicle 4WD	1	31,210	31,210	Inspection done, expecting the delivery any time from now
2	Computer systems	8	1,252	10,014	Yet to be delivered; to be done before 7 of October, 2016
	SUB-TOTAL SUPPLY COST			41,225	
	WORKS / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF COLD STORE AND HEALTH FACILITIES				
	CONSTRUCTION				
1	Dandume, Sandamau (Cold Store)	1	83,896	83,896	
	RENOVATION				
2	Yanhoho/Kaita (Health Facility)	1	28,264	28,264	
	SUB-TOTAL WORKS COST			112,161	
	GRAND TOTAL IN EURO			153,385	
	GRAND TOTAL EQUIVALENT IN NAIRA			52,144,114.74	