



**KEBBI STATE REPORT (Q4 2014 – Q2 2016)**

**Major Developments**

- The EU-SIGN State Technical Assistant (STA) provides significant technical support to zonal, State and LGA polio eradication activities.
- EU-SIGN closely with the State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA) to achieve Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR).
- EU-SIGN has provided 3 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR) to Kebbi State.



Source: STA Team

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Total Population: 4,134,570  
Population 0-11 months: 165,382

LGAs	21	Hospitals	30
Wards	225	Public Health Facilities conducting RI	617
		Private Health Facilities	24
Settlements	3000	Tertiary Health Facility	1

**Background**

Kebbi State is in the North-West Zone of Nigeria and EU-SIGN activities began there in October 2014. The Project launch was delayed due to changes in leadership at the State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA). The launch is planned to take place in September 2016.

The Kebbi SPHCDA was established in 2012. At the start of EU-SIGN, the State scored only 34% on its progress towards Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR). The STA regularly meets with the SPHCDA team to increase support for PHCUOR and help to dispel rumors and misunderstandings that have been hindering progress. Plans were established in 2015 to strengthen the Minimum Service Package (MSP) and improve data management. The SPHCDA began Integrated Supportive Supervision (ISS) activities in coordination with the State Ministry of Health and other implementing partners, which increased Kebbi State's PHCUOR score to 38%.

In 2015, there were leadership changes in the State, State Ministry of Health and SPHCDA and the EU-SIGN team continued advocacy and awareness visits in conjunction with other stakeholders, partners and donor agencies to encourage progress towards PHCUOR. In early 2016, the scorecard was still at 38%. The SPHCDA needs to create more awareness on the benefits of PHCUOR for the different cadre and stakeholders of health care delivery for the smooth and successful actualisation of PHCUOR. By Q2, the Bill of creation of PHCUOR was in the House of Assembly. On 1 August 2016, the Executive Governor signed the Bill into law. This development increased the score from 38% to 41%. In addition, the SPHCDA is working actively on repositioning and human resources. However, work continues on the MSP, funding sources and structures, and systems development.

Kebbi State has been doing well in terms of Routine Immunisation (RI) coverage, with over 80% coverage of most antigens and 90% of planned fixed sessions implemented. Outreach sessions are highly dependent on funding and are therefore less regularly implemented. Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) was introduced in March 2015 and Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) was introduced August 2016. As of Q2 2016, coverage for Pentavalent3 was 112%; OPV3 was 112% and IPV was 106%.

At the start of EU-SIGN activities, Kebbi State had a large stock of broken cold chain equipment, some of which have been repaired through inventory management and donor support. In Q2 2016, EU-SIGN supported the State to conduct a needs assessment in LGAs and wards with high cold chain and maintenance gaps. A cold chain equipment Engineer was engaged and under the guidance of State and LGA officials, visited 30 locations in 10 LGAs to assess identified faulty solar equipment and confirm the exact cost of their repair and maintenance. The STA also carried out minor repairs, offered end-user advice on routine maintenance and deliver a costed report with details of fault, location of CCE etc according to a pre-developed CCE assessment tool. Vaccine management is strong in Kebbi State and there are very few vaccine stock-outs.

Lack of State and LGA funding for RI is a challenge in Kebbi State, leading to poor outreach services, weak supportive supervision, and lack of support from LGAs to maintain the cold chain. Human resources are concentrated in urban areas and there is poor RI utilisation due largely to inadequate community mobilisation. There are also challenges in data quality and consistency and falsification. The EU SIGN project in Kebbi State co-facilitated the training of health workers on the newly approved NHMIS tool in 2015 and in April 2016, the project trained 30 Local Immunisation Officers (LIO) and disease surveillance network officers (DSNO) from 15 LGAs on Data Quality Use Supportive Supervision (DQUSS).

The STA with other members of the State team do conduct integrated supportive supervision (ISS) visits and has found that there are knowledge gaps amongst services providers and a need for mentoring and coaching for newly transferred and posted staff. There is a need for more supportive supervision in Kebbi State with emphasis on quality service delivery and appropriate documentation and data analysis. Supervision is also challenged by lack of funding.

Lack of funding for RI activities from the State and Local Government and the full dependence on support and funds from donors will hinder sustainability. There is a need for high-level advocacy for the support and funding of immunisation activities at all levels in the State.

## EU-SIGN Activities in Kebbi State

- EU-SIGN participates in planning and conducting ISS 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 team conducts on-the-job training to improve immunisation skills, vaccine management and data management. After ISS, implementing partners, the SPHCDA, and the State Ministry of Health meet to review data and the information shared from visits, providing a good opportunity to review the function of the ISS teams, identifying gaps in performance and identifying solutions.
- The STA provides technical assistance and guidance to the SPHCDA team by reviewing and updating RI information and using data for decision making; and updating and reviewing the State's vaccine logistics and monitoring dashboard. The EU-SIGN team also conducts a weekly review with the SPHCDA on the State's progress towards PHCUOR.
- EU-SIGN supported a Quarterly RI review meeting and it is represented at all the RI technical meetings in Kebbi State, including the LIO and DSNO monthly meetings where the group reviews RI coverage, identifies interventions to improve performance, and provides feedback, technical guidance and skill updates. EU-SIGN is also involved in the weekly state implementing partners meetings at the SPHCDA where the group shares experiences, updates on RI activities in the state and uses the forum to leverage resources and avoid duplication of efforts.
- EU-SIGN works with the social mobilisation and advocacy unit to form organised community structures and reactivate nonfunctional Ward Development Committees; WDCs now identified and focus of work will be on tracking unimmunised children, especially in areas of low RI coverage or that are hard to reach.
- The STA provides technical support for trainings, including on RI strengthening for midwives and cascade training on Maternal Neonatal Child Health Week with a focus on RI practices.
- EU-SIGN supports polio eradication activities; including planning, supervision and facilitating training for Immunisation Plus Days (IPD) and the switch from trivalent to bivalent OPV. The STA has also helped to prepare and implement supplemental immunisation activities (maternal and newborn tetanus, yellow fever and cerebrospinal meningitis) and she provided support to the Integrated Measles Campaigns.
- EU-SIGN has provided 3 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR), and the State logistics working group has selected sites for the installation of the DDSR based on the agreed criteria. This has been communicated to the National Logistics Working Group (See table below).

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

EU-SIGN PROJECT SUPPORT AND PROJECT IN KEBBI STATE – UPDATED AUGUST 2016					
			<i>August 2016 Exchange Rate:</i>	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)	3	8,423	25,269	
1b	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (small size = 30-105 Lts)	0	6,151	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Cost DDSR</b>			<b>25,269</b>	
2	Vehicle 4WD	1	31,210	31,210	Inspection done, expecting the delivery any time from now
			<i>August 2016 Exchange Rate:</i>	339.9548	
S/N	ITEMS	Qty	Unit Cost in Euro	Amount in Euro	Comments
3	Computer systems	8	1,252	10,014	Yet to be delivered; to be done before 7 of October, 2016
	<b>SUB-TOTAL SUPPLY COST</b>			<b>66,494</b>	
	<b>WORKS / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF COLD STORE AND HEALTH FACILITIES</b>				
	<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
1	Mai Hausawa/ Dandi LGA (Health Facility) - Cancelled	1	-	-	
2	Jega (Cold Store) - Cancelled	1	-	-	
	<b>RENOVATION</b>				
3	Koko-Besse (Cold Store) - Cancelled	1	-	-	
	<b>SUB-TOTAL WORKS COST</b>			-	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL IN EURO</b>			<b>66,494</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL EQUIVALENT IN NAIRA</b>			<b>22,604,793</b>	