



## KOGI STATE REPORT (Q4 2014 – Q2 2016)

### Major Developments

- The EU-SIGN works closely with the State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA) to identify and address gaps towards achieving Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR).
- The State Technical Assistant has engaged private health care facilities to improving Routine Immunisation (RI) practices.
- EU-SIGN has provided 34 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR), renovation of Ankpa township cold room and construction of cold room in PHC Obangede-Uhuodo, Okechi.



Source: STA Team

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Total Population: 4,362,005  
Population 0-11 months: 218, 100

LGAs	21	PHC Centres	1020
Wards	236	Private Health Facilities	216
Hospitals	3	Health Posts	135

### Background

Kogi State is in the North-Central Zone of Nigeria and EU-SIGN activities began there in October 2014. The project was officially launched on 23rd April, 2015 by His Excellency the then the State Governor, Captain Idris Ichala Wada.

Kogi State has an established and functional Primary Health Care Management Board (PHCMB) that is responsible for coordinating Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities' activities in the State. The facilities are distributed across 21 LGAs of the State; every LGA is managed by a PHC Coordinator responsible for coordinating all Primary Health Care activities within the LGA. At the start of the EU-SIGN Project, Kogi State's ranking towards achievement of Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) was 29% and increased to 52% in Q2 2015. Low scoring is largely due to lack of full administrative power for the Executive Director, insufficient staff and lack of financial autonomy. By Q1 2016, the State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA) was established and has a dynamic and committed acting Executive Director. The PHCUOR score dropped slightly to 48% and interventions are necessary and underway to strengthen governance and ownership; repositioning; and the Minimum Service Package (MSP).

Routine Immunisation (RI) coverage in Kogi State has been variable. In 2014, there was low coverage due to health worker strikes, but coverage has been on the increase since then. Kogi State has some poor performing LGAs that affect overall State coverage. Vaccine supply is strong and there are few reported stock-outs. The State has a good overall implementation of planned fixed and outreach sessions, but this also fluctuates, due to funding issues.

Integrated Supportive Supervision (ISS) visits are an opportunity to learn of the challenges facing LGAs and health facilities. The STA is actively involved in ISS and has found that poor performance can be attributed to lack of support from the LGAs, insufficient staffing, recurrent industrial action and poor attitude of community members towards volunteers who provided services during the health strike. Health facilities do not have vaccine ledgers, reporting of Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI) procedures need strengthening and there is a lack of supervision to the health facilities. Cold chain equipment is often not available or not functioning. In Q3 2015, only 106 wards had solar refrigerators and of those, 50 were not working.

Despite the challenges, Kogi State has improved immunisation coverage and introduced the Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) in May 2015 and Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) in December 2014. Coverage in Q2 2016 for Pentavalent 3 was 71%; OPV3 was 73% and IPV was 74%.

### EU-SIGN Activities in Kogi State

- EU-SIGN provides continuous technical guidance to the SPHCDA towards the establishment of PHCUOR by looking for areas of improvement and working with the agency and partners to strengthen those areas.
- The STA 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 STA conducts on-the-job training to improve immunisation skills, vaccine management and data management.
- EU-SIGN is represented at RI stakeholder and technical meetings in Kogi State, including the local Immunisation Officers' and Disease Surveillance Network Officers' monthly meetings where the group reviews RI coverage and ISS results, identifies interventions to improve performance, and provides feedback, technical guidance and skill updates. EU-SIGN is also represented at the State Logistics Working Group, where the state of the cold chain is reviewed and efforts for improvement and maintenance are coordinated amongst the State Government, LGAs and partners and in data validation meetings.
- Kogi State has been active in engaging private service providers on RI. EU-SIGN has provided support on meetings with service providers and health workers unions, helped to negotiate for private service providers to collect vaccines from the EPI cold room and has helped facilitate training sessions to improve immunisation skills.
- The STA is involved in training activities in the State, including training on outbreak response, reaching-every-ward data collection data management and tools, and new vaccine introduction.
- EU-SIGN supports polio eradication activities; including planning, supervision and facilitating training for Immunisation Plus Days (IPD) and providing technical assistance during the switch

from trivalent to bivalent OPV. The STA has also helped to prepare and implement Integrated Measles Campaigns, maternal, newborn and child health weeks, and meningitis vaccine campaigns.

- EU-SIGN has identified 11 Civil Society Organisations (CSO) who are potentially qualified and available to support EU-SIGN’s community engagement activities. Five CSOs will be selected from this group.
- The STA has supported the Quarterly Partners meeting with the State on RI activities and engagement of State on Cold Chain equipment Planned Preventive Maintenance (PPM) strategy implementation.
- EU-SIGN has conducted a needs assessment in LGAs and wards with high cold chain capacity and maintenance gaps the assessment was conducted based on the CCE capacity gaps in the State.
- EU-SIGN has participated in developing the 2016-2020 state strategic plan and annual SPHCDA/RI work plan.
- The STA monitors vaccine stock availability in the State and LGAs, likewise the compilation and analysis of monthly RI data on DVD-MT.
- EU-SIGN has provided 34 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR), renovation in Ankpa township cold store and PHC Obangede cold room construction (See table below).

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

<b>EU-SIGN PROJECT SUPPORT AND PROJECT IN KOGI STATE UPDATED – AUGUST 2016</b>					
			<i>August 2016 Exchange Rate:</i>	<i>339.9548</i>	
<b>S/N</b>	<b>ITEMS</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Unit Cost in Euro</b>	<b>Amount in Euro</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	<b>SUPPLY</b>				
1a	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (big size = 90-120 Lts)	33	8,423	277,959	
1b	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (small size = 30-105 Lts)	1	6,151	6,151	
	<b>Sub-Total Cost DDSR</b>			<b>284,110</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>320,327</b>	
	<b>WORKS / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF COLD STORE AND HEALTH FACILITIES</b>				
	<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
1	Obangede-Uhuodo, Okechi (Cold Store)	1	91,695	91,694.80	
	<b>RENOVATION</b>				
2	Ankpa township, Ward Ankpa LGA (Cold Store)	1	40,844	40,844	
	<b>SUB TOTAL WORKS COST</b>			<b>132,539</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL IN EURO</b>			<b>452,866</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL EQUIVALENT IN NAIRA</b>			<b>153,953,975</b>	