



## LAGOS STATE REPORT (Q2 2015 – Q2 2016)

### Major Developments

- The EU-SIGN State Technical Assistant (STA) is actively involved in the State immunisation activities, including working groups, cold chain assessments, training and polio activities.
- The STA is working with the State Primary Health Care Board (SPHCB) to achieve Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR).
- EU-SIGN has provided 73 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators and there is an identified site for the construction of a cold store at Ikorodu LGA.



Source: STA Team

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Total population 12,350,714  
Population 0-11 months: 494,029

LGAs	20	Public Health Facilities	334
Local Council Development Areas	37	Private Health Facilities	761
Wards	376		

## Background

Lagos State is in the South-West Zone of Nigeria and EU-SIGN activities began there in April 2015. The project official launch has been delayed due to several changes in the Permanent Secretary of the SPHCB. The launch is currently planned for September 2016.

The State Primary Health Care Board (SPHCB) was inaugurated in February 2009 to revitalise and reposition Primary Health Care (PHC) in the Lagos State. In 2011, the National Council on Health adopted the PHC under One Roof (PHCUOR) guidelines for the integrated management of PHC level services and States are measured against a scorecard on progress towards nine domains, including governance, a Minimum Service Package, repositioning, and funding. The main challenges for Lagos State is repositioning and developing operational guidelines. Lagos State had one of the highest scores to achieving PHCUOR (92% in September 2015), but an assessment by the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) in Q1 2016 reduced the score to 50%.

The major reason for the drop is due to a more holistic approach to the PHCUOR assessment and scoring across the nine domains was lowered. The critical indices where the score was low were: Minimum Service Package, human resources and office setting. While these areas need to be improved, there is a general need to improve the staff strength because quite a number of staff have retired without adequate replacement policies. The office setting at the SPHCB also needs to be re-structured.

Lagos State has consistently good coverage, from 86% Pentavalent 3 coverage in September 2014 to 93% in Q4 2015. The ratio of planned and implemented fixed and outreach services are also good, but fluctuate depending on funding and availability of staff. Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) was introduced in June 2015 and Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) was introduced in August 2016. Coverage in Q2 2016 was 76% for Pentavalent 3, 75% for OPV3 and 67% for IPV.

Vaccine supply in the State is good and reviewed monthly by local Immunisation Officers and the State Logistics Working Group. Lagos State is implementing a PUSH vaccine distribution system with funding support from CHAI. Communities are actively involved in social mobilization and sensitization activities, including child tracking to ensure children are completely vaccinated. Ward Development (WDC) and Ward Health Committees (WHC) need support and revitalisation.

Lagos State still faces challenges to its immunisation program. Funding, especially at LGA-level, is a serious concern as many partners in the State have reduced their funding, making outreach, supervision and vaccine distribution difficult. This has resulted in large numbers of unvaccinated children in the State. In February 2016, 45% of LGAs had high numbers of unimmunised children.

The State's cold chain was assessed in September 2015 showing that there are some significant gaps in equipment needs. For example, of the 376 wards, 243 are without a solar refrigerator. Of the 436 pieces of cold chain equipment which are qualified by WHO Product Quality and Safety (PQS), only 295 are functioning with 113 needing repair. Some of the other cold chain challenges include lack of electricity, delayed repairs and lack of funding for cold store operating costs.

## EU-SIGN activities in Lagos State

- The STA conducts a continual assessment of the PHCUOR scorecard and uses the results to sensitize policy makers, primarily the Permanent Secretary of the SPHCB and the Director of Medical Services/Disease Control, on the need to close the gaps that have been identified.
- 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.
- In October 2015 EU-SIGN held a seminar in Lagos State to discuss EU-SIGN support to the NPHCDA on operations research leadership. Lagos State stakeholders and academics participated in the seminar and submitted research proposals.

- EU-SIGN participates in RI stakeholder and technical meetings in Lagos State, these meetings include local Immunisation Officers and Disease Surveillance Network Officers. The monthly meetings are where the group reviews RI coverage and ISS results, identifies interventions to improve performance, and provides feedback, technical guidance and skill updates. In addition, EU-SIGN attends the RI Working Group and the State Logistics Working Group. These working groups are an opportunity to coordinate activities, review cold chain inventory and placement of equipment and share findings from supervision visits.
- EU-SIGN supports polio eradication activities; including planning, supervision, monitoring 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, implement and provide training for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health weeks.
- The STA supports immunisation training sessions in the State, including PCV introduction training.
- EU-SIGN has provided 73 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR). The process to begin the construction of the LGA cold store at Ikorodu is on-going.

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

EU-SIGN PROJECT SUPPORT AND PROJECT IN LAGOS STATE –UPDATED AUGUST 2016					
			August 2016 Exchange Rate:	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)	71	8,423	598,033	
1b	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (small size = 30-105 Lts)	2	6,151	12,302	
	<b>Sub-Total Cost DDSR</b>			<b>610,335</b>	
2	Vehicle 4WD (1 4WD for Lagos 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	4	1,252	5,007	Yet to be delivered; to be done before 7 of October, 2016
	<b>SUB-TOTAL SUPPLY COST</b>			<b>677,763</b>	
	<b>WORKS / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF COLD STORE AND HEALTH FACILITIES</b>				
	<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
1	Ikorodu LGA (Cold Store)	1	87,243	87,243	
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	<b>SUB-TOTAL WORKS COST</b>			<b>87,243</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL IN EURO</b>			<b>765,006</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL EQUIVALENT IN NAIRA</b>			<b>260,067,519</b>	