



PLATEAU STATE REPORT (Q4 2014 – Q2 2016)

Major Developments

- The EU-SIGN State Technical Assistant (STA) is well integrated into Plateau State’s immunisation activities, providing technical guidance and analysis of data.
- EU-SIGN is actively involved in Plateau State’s polio eradication efforts, maternal newborn and child health weeks, and integrated measles campaigns.
- EU-SIGN has provided 46 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR), renovation in 1 health facility (Gurum Bassa LGA), 1 cold store (Barkin Ladi) and 1 new cold store construction (Ibrahim Katsina, Jos North).



Source: STA Team

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Total Population: 4,174,729
Population 0-11 months: 166,989

LGAs	17	Hospitals/Teaching Hospitals	18/6
Wards	325	Mission hospitals	18
Health Districts	325	PHC Centres	849
		Private Health Facilities	353
Communities	11,190	Hard-to-reach Settlements	1,354

Background

Plateau State is in the North-Central Zone of Nigeria and EU-SIGN activities began there in October 2014. The Project has not yet been launched, but this is planned for September 2016 with the new Executive Secretary.

At the start of EU-SIGN, the STA, with the State team and the State Director of Primary Health Care at the State Ministry of Health, met with the speaker of the State House of Assembly to follow up on the status of the Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) Bill for the establishment of a State Primary Health Care Development Board (SPHCDB). The Bill was signed by the Executive Governor in Q2 2015 who appointed the State epidemiologist as the SPHCDA Executive Secretary (ES). The ES has Programme Officers, but many of the elements of PHCUOR need developing, including a Minimum Service Package (MSP), repositioning, systems development and operational guidelines. A Board also needs funding and a Board of Directors. Progress has been stagnant with PHCUOR scoring only increasing to 33% in Q1 2016 from 25% in Q4 2015. At the end of Q2 2016, the former ES was replaced by another doctor from Plateau State Specialist Hospital in Jos whose appointment was confirmed by the State House of Assembly. There was an initial improvement in the score, but it then decreased by the end of Q2 2016.

Overall, Routine Immunisation (RI) coverage is high in Plateau State, but performance at the LGA level is variable. Coverage for Pentavalent 3 was 79% in December 2014, but RI revitalisation activities have helped to increase Pentavalent 3 coverage to 94% in December 2015. In Q2 2016, coverage for Pentavalent 3 was 94%, OPV3 was 93% and Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) was 84%. The State introduced IPV in January 2105 and introduced Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) in July 2016. There is good vaccine supply in Plateau State and stock management is closely managed and analysed by the State Cold Chain Officer and immunisation stakeholders. A walk-in cold room was repaired in 2015 which greatly improved vaccine storage capacity. Many private clinics and hospitals are now providing RI services and the State is working to reactivate ward and village development committees to improve community involvement in RI.

One of the big challenges in Plateau State is the “PULL” system where LGAs collect vaccines at the State level. This is often unreliable and dependent on LGA management to pay for transportation, leading to vaccine stock-outs. Initially, the State was in favour of establishing a “PUSH” system, where vaccines are delivered to LGAs and health facilities, but is slow to implement. Outreach services are dependent on funding from the LGA and GAVI, but funds are often not available to ensure consistent outreach sessions. Funding for Integrated Supportive Supervision (ISS) visits from the State is also variable. While the State cold room is now fully functional, there are gaps in the availability and function of cold chain equipment. EU-SIGN will establish a planned preventative maintenance programme to ensure proper care and function of cold chain equipment.

EU-SIGN Activities in Plateau State

- The establishment of a SPHCDB in the State is stagnated and affects the implementation of some EU-SIGN activities. However, the STA conducts regular advocacy visits to increase the awareness on the importance of a functioning agency. The STA and the State team work with the State Ministry of Health to ensure all Primary Health Care activities are implemented in the State through the Director of Public Health.
- The STA conducts a continuous review and summary of State immunisation data, inventory updates and stock management with the State Immunisation and Cold Chain Officers and shares and analyses the result to State immunisation stakeholders
- 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 STA conducts on-the-job training to improve immunisation skills, vaccine management and data management. Implementation of ISS is hampered though by lack of State funding, security and transportation.
- EU-SIGN is represented at RI stakeholder and technical meetings in Plateau State, including the Local Immunisation Officers’ (LIO) and Disease Surveillance Network Officers’ (DSNO) monthly meetings where the group reviews RI coverage and immunisation dashboard data provides feedback, technical guidance and skill updates. EU-SIGN is also represented on the State Logistics Working Group and monthly state technical team meetings. These meetings and

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 several Maternal, Newborn and Child Health weeks and Integrated Measles Campaigns.
- The STA provides technical support to trainings in the State. In addition to training support given to campaigns, the STA has provided training on new vaccine introduction (IPV and PCV); participated in RI capacity building for private service health providers; and provided training on data management for all 17 LGAs. The STA also attended a State-level training on the District Health Information System (DHIS) 2.
- EU-SIGN has provided 46 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR), renovations in 2 facilities and 1 new cold store construction (See table below).

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

EU-SIGN PROJECT SUPPORT AND PROJECT IN PLATEAU 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)	45	8,423	379,035	
1b	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (small size = 30-105 Lts)	1	6,151	6,151	
	Sub-Total Cost DDSR			385,186	
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
	SUB-TOTAL SUPPLY COST			421,403	
	WORKS / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF COLD STORE AND HEALTH FACILITIES				
	CONSTRUCTION				
1	Ibrahim Katsina, Jos North (Cold Store)	1	91,695	91,695	
	RENOVATION				
2	Barkin Ladi (Cold Store)	1	77,697	77,697	
3	Gurum, Bassa LGA (Health Facility)	1	43,429	43,429	
	SUB-TOTAL WORKS COST			212,821	
	GRAND TOTAL IN EURO			634,224	
	GRAND TOTAL EQUIVALENT IN NAIRA			215,607,578	