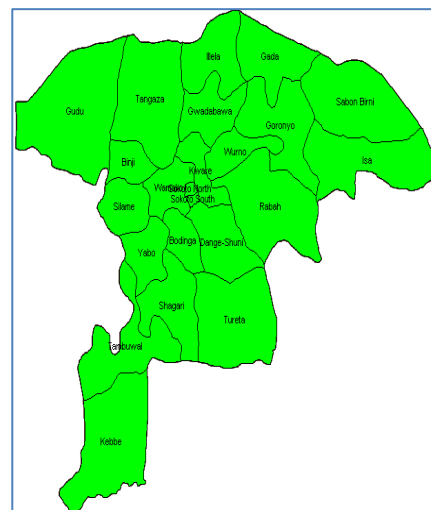




SOKOTO STATE REPORT (Q4 2015 – Q2 2016)

Major Developments

- The EU-SIGN has been actively involved in supporting the State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA) towards the approval and establishment of Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) in Sokoto State.
- The State Technical Assistant (STA) provides on-going technical assistance to strengthen stock and cold chain management, improve service provision and data reporting using mentoring and supportive supervision.
- EU-SIGN has provided 35 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR).



Source : STA Team

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Total Population: 4,683,248
Population 0-11 months: 187,330

LGAs	23	Hospitals	30
Wards	244	Mission Hospitals	1
Health Districts	85	Health Facilities	680
		Private Health Facilities	32
Settlements	779	Health Posts	218

Background

Sokoto State is in the North-West Zone of Nigeria and EU-SIGN activities began there in October 2014. The Project was officially launched on 10 May 2016.

The Sokoto State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA) was in place at the start of the EU-SIGN and has been supportive of the Project. Sokoto State has made significant progress towards Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR), including establishing a high-powered committee to ensure handover of Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities to the SPHCDA and also established a budget line. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Sokoto State Government, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Dangote Foundation in September 2015 helped to push SPHCDA activities forward including approval of the PHCUOR bill by the House of Assembly and the commitment of State funds to the agency. The establishment of PHCUOR was completed in January 2016. Transfer of staff is on-going and there is still some resistance among some political leaders.

Sokoto State is among the States with low Routine Immunisation (RI) coverage due to various reasons ranging from inadequate human resource, poor funding, lack transport, weak supervision, low community awareness, poor cold chain management, limited capacity, poor data management among others. However, there has been significant improvement in partner coordination and increasing immunisation coverage. The State does weekly monitoring of vaccine stock and analysis of RI data; works with community volunteers to track unimmunised children and drop-outs and uses supportive supervision to update skills and discuss performance. The State also regularly monitors the cold chain inventory to assess equipment needs and repairs. Sokoto State has an equipped and functional Health Management Information Systems unit. Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) was introduced in April 2015 and Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) was introduced in April 2016. In Q2 2016, Sokoto State reported 103% Pentavalent 3 coverage, 109% OPV3 coverage and 101% IPV coverage.

Challenges remain in Sokoto State, including lack of funding for integrated supportive supervision (ISS) and immunisation outreach. Data recording, management and harmonisation need improvement and health worker skills need urgent updating. There is also inadequate and non-functioning cold chain equipment, especially at ward and health facility level. Community linkages need revitalising.

EU-SIGN Activities in Sokoto State

- EU-SIGN works closely with the SPHCDA to continually monitor the State's scoring and provide technical guidance towards the achievement of PHCUOR.
- The STA provides technical support to the State Cold Store to improve vaccine management and distribution to LGAs and health facilities.
- EU-SIGN is represented at RI stakeholder and technical meetings in Sokoto State, including weekly and monthly working groups (RI, Logistics, Training, Social Mobilisation, Monitoring and Evaluation, Surveillance and Supervision); meetings of the Local Immunisation Officers, Programme Officers and the Disease Surveillance Network Officers. Working groups and meetings are an opportunity to coordinate activities and avoid duplication; review immunisation data and cold chain inventory; prepare the state RI annual work plans; and improve data generation, management and harmonisation.
- 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. Supervision and equipment assessments are also conducted during vaccine distribution. During each visit, the STA conducts on-the-job training to improve immunisation skills, use of monitoring charts and microplans and data management.
- The STA provides technical support to trainings in the State. In addition to training support given to campaigns, the STA has provided training on vaccine and cold chain management and service provision; and conducted training on the District Health Information System (DHIS) 2 for state and LGA staff. The STA also supported the State roll-out of DHIS2.
- 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 measles campaigns.

- EU-SIGN has provided 35 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR). There were no renovations or constructions in the State (See table below).

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

EU-SIGN PROJECT SUPPORT AND PROJECT IN SOKOTO STATE – UPDATED 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)	34	8,423	286,382	
1b	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (small size = 30-105 Lts)	1	6,151	6,151	
	Sub-Total Cost DDSR			292,533	
2	Vehicle 4WD	1	31,210	31,210	Inspection done expecting the delivery anytime from now
3	Computer systems	7	1,252	8,762	Yet to be delivered; to be done before 7 of October, 2016
	SUB-TOTAL SUPPLY COST			332,506	
	WORKS / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF COLD STORE AND HEALTH FACILITIES				
	CONSTRUCTION				
1	Sabon Birni (Cold Store)- (Cancelled)	1	-	-	
	RENOVATION				
2	Sarkin Adar Kwanni, Sokoto South LGA (Health Facility) - (Cancelled)	1	-	-	
3	Isa LGA (Cold Store)- (Cancelled)	1	-	-	
	SUB-TOTAL WORKS COST			-	
	GRAND TOTAL in EURO			332,506	
	GRAND TOTAL EQUIVALENT IN NAIRA			113,036,927	