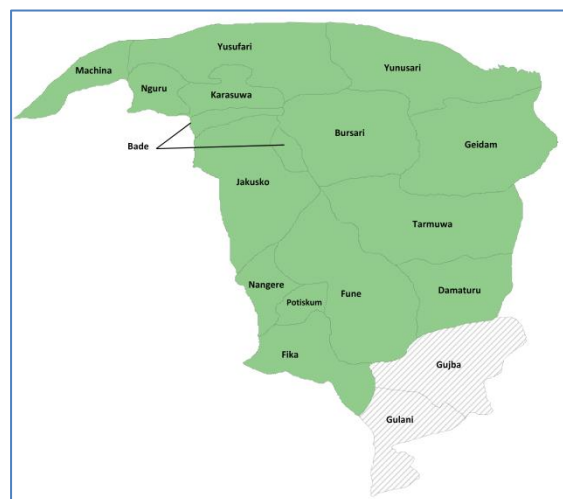




YOBE STATE REPORT (Q4 2014 – Q2 2016)

Major Developments

- Yobe State is a high-risk and high-priority State for polio eradication and the EU-SIGN State Technical Assistant (STA) is actively involved in all polio eradication activities.
- EU-SIGN provides technical support for integrated supportive supervision, improving immunisation skills and improving data management and use.
- EU-SIGN has provided 27 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR), renovation in Damaturu LGA cold store and construction in Potiskum LGA cold store.



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Total Population: 3,057,092
Population 0-11 months: 122,284

LGAs	17	Hospitals	13
Wards	178	PHC Centres	551
Health Zones	6	Private Health Facilities	10
Communities	8647		

Background

Yobe State is in the North-East Zone of Nigeria and EU-SIGN activities began there in October 2014. The project was not selected for a Project launch.

The State has had a functional State Primary Health Care Management Board (SPHCMB) since 2010. The SPHCMB is responsible for coordinating all activities of Primary Health Care (PHC) Facilities in all LGAs in the State, and every LGA is managed by a PHC coordinator. The LGAs are divided into six health zones which are headed by zonal officer responsible for coordinating health activities within

the zone. Yobe State has a Strategic Health Development plan with eight priority areas of concern: leadership and governance, service delivery, health financing, human resources for health, health information system, community participation and ownership, partnerships for health development and research for health. The Yobe State Government has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Dangote Foundation to strengthen Routine Immunisation (RI) and Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) in the state. In November 2015, Yobe State's score to establishing PHCUOR was 86.4%.

Yobe State has been facing increased insecurity since 2012 and many LGAs in the State are frequently unreachable due to the security situation. It is also a high-risk polio state and a priority state for polio eradication activities. The last cases of polio were in 2014, but large pockets of unimmunised children remain and there are frequent campaigns to reach them with polio vaccine and other health interventions. Health services at LGA and ward level are poor due to under-staffing, insufficient equipment and underfunding. Outbreaks of measles, pertussis and diphtheria occur in the State. Less than 50% of the population, especially rural populations, have access to health care services.

Despite the challenges, Yobe State has had increasing RI coverage. In 2010, DPT3 coverage was 68%. DPT was replaced with Pentavalent vaccine and coverage was 83% in 2013 and 100% in 2014. In 2010, OPV3 coverage was 55% and has increased to 93% in November 2014. Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) was introduced in Yobe State in December 2015 and Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) was introduced in February 2015. As of Q2 2016, Pentavalent 3 coverage was 94%; OPV3 coverage was 96% and IPV coverage was 80%. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation provide financial support to all LGAs to support RI activities, RI intensification activities and activities in 14 hard-to-reach LGAs.

There is a good vaccine supply at State level and the State inventory reporting tool is regularly updated. Yobe State has also reactivated Ward Development Committees and Village Development Committees to increase engagement with communities.

Challenges remain, however. Security is a continued concern and affects the implementation of routine services and immunisation campaigns. Cold chain equipment is broken down, especially solar freezers, deep freezers and generators at LGA-level. There is inadequate supportive supervision by LGA officials to health facilities and RI service providers need training. Data collection tools have been revised, but there not enough for LGAs and facilities in the State. Service providers need training in data recording, quality and use of data for informed decision-making.

EU-SIGN activities in Yobe State

- EU-SIGN assists the SPHCMB in implementing the project activities planned by the State, and in conducting routine assessments of PHCUOR and advocates for improvements in areas of weakness/constraints.
- Polio campaigns and activities are frequent and intense in Yobe State. EU-SIGN actively supports and provides technical support to 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 is represented at RI stakeholder and technical meetings in Yobe State, including EPI monthly review meetings; the state taskforce on immunisation; polio eradication operations centre meetings; health management information systems quarterly review meetings; and working groups on RI, logistics, finance and supportive supervision. 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 workplans; and improve data generation, management and harmonisation.

- Integrated Supportive Supervision (ISS) is difficult in Yobe State, given the security concerns and inaccessible LGAs. However, the STA plans and conducts ISS visits across 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 and mentoring to improve immunisation skills, including data management, injection safety, interpersonal communication skills, cold chain equipment management and vaccine storage/handling.
- EU-SIGN provides technical support to training sessions in the State. In addition to training support given to campaigns, the STA has provided training for PCV and IPV introduction; on conducting ISS; microplanning and retraining of EPI managers and health workers on RI skills.
- EU-SIGN is supporting improved data management and use in Yobe State. The STA facilitated training on the District Health Information System (DHIS) 2 and Data Quality Use Supportive Supervision (a component of DHIS2) to update skills on the tools, how to capture and generate reports and how to build data management skills at the State, LGA and health facility levels. Participants included LGA local Immunisation and Monitoring and Evaluation Officers and some State-level monitoring and evaluation staff.
- The STA assists in harvesting routine service data from the DHIS 2 national platform for planning and decision-making.
- EU-SIGN has provided 27 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR), renovation in Damaturu LGA cold store and construction at Potiskum LGA cold store (see table below).

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

EU-SIGN PROJECT SUPPORT AND PROJECT IN YOBE STATE – UPDATED AUGUST 2016					
			<i>August 2016 Exchange Rate:</i>	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)	26	8,423	218,998	
1b	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (small size = 30-105 Lts)	1	6,151	6,151	
	Sub-Total Cost DDSR			225,149	
2	Vehicle 4WD	1	31,210	31,210	Inspection done, expecting the delivery any time from now
3	Computer systems	8	1,252	10,014	Yet to be delivered; to be done before 7 of October, 2016
	SUB-TOTAL SUPPLY COST			266,374	
	WORKS / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF COLD STORE AND HEALTH FACILITIES				
	CONSTRUCTION				
1	Potiskum LGA (Cold Store)	1	88,403	88,403	
	RENOVATION				
2	Damaturu LGA (Cold Store)	1	51,345	51,345	
	SUB-TOTAL WORKS COST			139,747	
	GRAND TOTAL IN EURO			406,121	
	GRAND TOTAL EQUIVALENT IN NAIRA			138,062,787	