



ZAMFARA STATE REPORT (Q4 2014 – Q2 2016)

Major Developments

- EU-SIGN has been part of an advocacy movement with other organisations to achieve the establishment of a Primary Health Care Development Agency (PHCDA). This involves meetings with different state stakeholders, government officials and honourable members of the state house of assembly to gain support for Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) and the establishment of a State Primary Health Care Management Board (SPHCMB).
- The EU-SIGN State Technical Assistant provides technical assistance on training, integrated supportive supervision and polio eradication activities.
- EU-SIGN has provided 4 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR).



Source: STA Team

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Total Population: 4,194,406
Population 0-11 months: 209,703

LGAs	14	Hospitals	23
Wards	147	Mission Hospitals	1
		PHC Centres	668
		Private Health Facilities	12
		Health Posts/MCH	150

Background

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

At the start of EU-SIGN, Zamfara State had a Department of Primary Health Care (PHC) within the State Ministry of Health and the Department was responsible of PHC services at State and LGA levels. A Bill to establish a Primary Health Care Agency and implement Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) was drafted in 2015 and signed by the previous Executive Governor. The current administration established a State Primary Health Care Management Board (SPHCMB); the Government has appointed the Executive Secretary of the SPHCMB and key officers were deployed to the Board. This is an important way forward for PHCUOR. The State does a regular assessment of the PHCUOR scorecard and in Q3 2015, Zamfara State scored 65% and by Q2 2016, the score was still 65%.

Zamfara State has made significant effort in improving its Routine Immunisation (RI) services. In 2014, all 14 LGAs had Pentavalent 3 and OPV3 coverage over 82%. In Q1 2016, all planned fixed and outreach services were implemented; weekly reviews of the vaccine stock management dashboard show vast improvements in vaccine availability; and partners are working together to identify gaps in the vaccine cold chain. Zamfara State introduced Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) in April 2016 and Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) has yet to be introduced. Data from Q2 2016 shows Pentavalent 3 coverage at 95%, OPV3 coverage at 93%; and IPV coverage at 90%.

However, the State faces several challenges to its immunisation programme and needs to improve its delivery or RI services through the PHC system. There is an overall lack of transportation for vaccine distribution, cold chain equipment needs replacing or repair, and data management and reporting need strengthening. Funding from the State and LGA levels is inadequate. Industrial action by some health workers is also affecting RI, supplemental immunisation activities and other essential services.

EU-SIGN Activities in Zamfara State

- EU-SIGN has been part of an advocacy movement with other organisations (HERFON, Women for Health, MNCH2) to achieve the establishment of a SPHCDA. This involves meetings with different state stakeholders, government officials and honourable members of the State House of Assembly to gain support for SPHCDA and PHCUOR. A media sensitisation workshop on PHCUOR for media organisations was conducted as was a stakeholders' workshop on implementation of PHCUOR.
- EU-SIGN supports and provides technical support to polio eradication activities; including planning, supervision, monitoring, problem-solving and facilitating training for Immunisation Plus Days (IPD). The STA has also provided 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 and measles campaigns.
- EU-SIGN is represented at RI stakeholder and technical meetings in Zamfara State, including the State Logistics Working Group; meetings with local Immunisation and Cold chain Officers to review and discuss RI issues at the LGA-level; coordination and planning meetings for the establishment and finalisation of the SPHCMB; meetings with Monitoring and Evaluation Officers and partners to review and discuss issues with data management; and health educators monthly meetings. 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.
- The STA is actively involved in conducting Integrated Supportive Supervision (ISS) visits across Zamfara State. ISS visits are done with the LGA's Immunisation Officer and Cold Chain Officer and are 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, vaccine management and data reporting.
- EU-SIGN provides technical support to trainings in the State. In addition to training support given to campaigns, the STA has provided training for LGA Monitoring and Evaluation Officers on data harmonisation; voluntary community mobilisation and interpersonal communications for LGA PHC Coordinators; and on IPV introduction.

- EU-SIGN has provided 4 Direct-Drive Solar Refrigerators (DDSR); the constructions and renovations were cancelled (See table below).

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

EU-SIGN PROJECT SUPPORT AND PROJECT IN ZAMFARA 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)	4	8,423	33,692	
1b	Direct Drive Solar Refrigerator (small size = 30-105 Lts)	0	6,151	-	
	Sub-Total Cost DDSR			33,692	
2	Vehicle 4WD	1	31,210	31,210	Inspection done, expecting the delivery any time 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			73,665	
	WORKS / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF COLD STORES AND HEALTH FACILITIES				
	CONSTRUCTION				
1	Bakura LGA (Cold Store) - (Cancelled)	1	-	-	
2	Gummi LGA (Cold Store) - (Cancelled)	1	-	-	
	RENOVATION				
3	Shinkafin LGA (Cold Store) - (Cancelled)	1	-	-	
4	Yarsabaya/ Anka LGA (Cancelled)	1	-	-	
	SUB-TOTAL WORKS COST			-	
	GRAND TOTAL IN EURO			73,665	
	GRAND TOTAL EQUIVALENT IN NAIRA			25,042,687	