The Partnership for Advocacy in Child and Family Health Project Nigeria is a pilot project supported by the Gates foundation as an innovative Initiative to learn about the potential for engaging Nigerian Civil Society Organizations. The project is implemented by eight Nigerian civil society groups working together to encourage government to plan for and increase funding to four important areas in Child and family health care in Nigeria(PACFaH).

The four areas are:
- Routine Immunization,
- Family Planning,
- Amoxicillin as First Line Treatment (FLT) for Pneumonia
- ORS-Zinc as Treatment of Childhood Diarrhoea Diseases and Nutrition.

Community Health and Research Initiative (CHR) is implementing the Routine Immunization component of the project at National level, in Bauchi, Kano, Kaduna, and Niger State’s.

CHR’s advocacy aims to achieve the following:
Increased budget at both the national and state level to ensure adequate funding for vaccines procurement.
Value -added budget tracking for effective and timely release of funds dedicated for RI vaccines.
Improved leadership commitment and capacity to identify and plan for sustainable sources of funding for RI in project timeline and beyond.

The scorecard is developed from information generated and analyzed from Kaduna State Government Appropriation Act, Mid and End of the Year MoU Review Meetings. Scores were further reviewed and validated by civil society organizations and media.
KADUNA STATE ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION BUDGET SCORECARD

Indicators scored in the reporting period (January - December 2016)

Definition of Key
- 75% & above
- 50% - 74%
- Less than 50%

Budget Allocation & Release

Adequate Routine Immunization finances appropriated
Does the funds appropriated take into cognizance the annual funding needs of the state and also in line with government's projections and prior agreements signed with development partners

Timely release of Routine Immunization finances
Does the state ministry of finance adhere to agreed timelines for the release of immunization funds

Percentage released as compared to allocation
Amount of funds released at any given time in comparison to total funds appropriated in any given year

Accountability & Transparency

RI working group meetings with CSOs coalition held
Number of RI working group meetings held monthly with at least 2 state level CSOs representatives

Effective RI accountability mechanism
Existence of any form of mechanism or structure that supports government to monitor, review and take actions on matters related to RI

RI financial information made available to public
Level of financial details provided to the public through press statement, published audited financial reports, mid-year & annual programmatic reports

Budget Expenditure

% of Routine Immunization Budget Execution
Amount of RI funds utilized at any given time in comparison to the funds appropriated plus funds provided by partners (Basket funds)

% of Health facilities that retire RI finances monthly
Number of Health Facilities (HFs) that received and retired RI funds to SPHCDA in comparison to the total HFs that received funds

% of LGAs that retire RI finances monthly
Number of local governments that received and retired RI funds to SPHCDA in comparison to the total LGAs that received funds

Recommendations

- Improve timely release of Routine Immunization finances in line with 2017 budget calendar
- Improve openness of Routine Immunization finances.
- Improve participation of CSOs in Routine Immunization implementation

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