KANO STATE ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION BUDGET SCORECARD
January - June 2016

ABOUT PACFaH

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.

As part of CHR’s mandate a biannual scorecard is adopted to track funds releases, expenditure, transparency and accountability.

ABOUT THE SCORECARD

The scorecard is developed from information generated and analyzed from Kano State Government 2016 Appropriation Act and Mid-Year MoU Implementation Report that was presented to stakeholders during the July 2016 MoU Video Conference. Scores were further reviewed and validated by civil society organizations and media.
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Indicators scored in the reporting period (January - June 2016)

**Budget Allocation**

- **RI budget code exists in the state budget**
  - The amount earmarked for Routine immunization is clearly captured in the annual budget without any ambiguity or lumped with other items

- **Adequate Routine Immunization finances appropriated**
  - Does the funds appropriated take in to 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 giving time in comparison to total funds appropriated in any giving 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 the public**
  - Level of financial details provided to the public through press statement, published audited financial reports, mid-year & annual programmatic reports

**Budget Expenditure**

- **% of RI Budget executed**
  - Amount of RI funds utilized at any given time in comparison to the funds appropriated plus funds provided by partners (Basket funds)

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

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

**Scoring sheet**

- **2016**

- **AMMKa5 CALLS ON THE KANO STATE GOVERNMENT:**
  - Improve timely and adequate release of Routine Immunization finances in line with 2016 budget calendar
  - Improve openness of Routine Immunization finances and participation of civil society organizations in Routine Immunization implementation
  - Improve Routine Immunization finances retirement.