



Saving Lives

Jigawa's deputy governor launches distribution of essential health equipments across the state

In March 2010, his Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Mahmud Gumel, the Deputy Governor of Jigawa State, launched the distribution of essential medical equipments to Gunduma Health Facilities across the State. Nine Gunduma General Hospitals and 373 Primary Healthcare facilities have received vital allocations of medical equipments including drugs, reagents and consumables at a cost of over £240,000 in UKaid through PATHS2.

PATHS2 worked with the Gunduma Health System Board (GHSB) to identify the equipment and supplies requirements of 105 Health Facilities.

Previous mismanagement of equipment and supplies resulted in problems arising such as the improper storage of drugs and lack of record keeping leading to supply shortages and drugs expiration which eventually made people to stop visiting these health facilities.

Ali Garba Dangi, the General Manager of the Jigawa Medicare Supply Organisation (JIMSO) says, *"PATHS2 gives us all the necessary support to do our jobs; from finance, to logistics. Many dignitaries have visited us and they all comment on the work we are doing in JIMSO which PATHS2 is helping us to do.*

We are quite happy with what we are getting from PATHS2, and it is our hope that we will continue to enjoy it throughout their stay in Jigawa state."



Of the 105 Health Facilities assessed by PATHS2, 90 were selected to participate in the Drug Revolving Fund (DRF). This assessment activity promoted a level of competition between the Health Facilities, many of whom carried out renovation work on their facilities and improved their staffing levels in order to qualify for assistance from the DRF.

In addition to providing medical equipments, drugs and other commodities, PATHS2 was also involved in training the staff at the Health Facilities to help them manage and maintain the supply of drugs and equipment in the long term. Prior to this many of the Health Facilities had issues with staff absence and a lack of expertise about how to manage and distribute the drugs and other



Left:
Consumables in stock at the
Jigawa Medicare Supply
Organisation(JIMSO) store.

Above:
Trucks moving drugs from JIMSO
to different health facilities in
Jigawa

supplies. Training has been carried out with 180 healthcare providers from the 90 selected Health Facilities. In addition, the Chairmen of the 90 Health Facilities were also trained in DRF and were made to understand that the community owns the facility and is also responsible and accountable for how it is run.

“Before the DRF Training Workshop I didn’t know how to manage the drug equipment, how to record its usage and store it correctly. But after the training I know all of this. I now know how to keep data successfully and the right drugs to give and the correct dosage.” Sani Mohammed, Officer in Charge, Yina

Health Facility, Dutse Gunduma Health Council.

“After PATHS2 gave me training in DRF, my work became very interesting and I was able to provide a better service at my facility. Now I know how to manage DRF very well. Before I was posted to the Yalwa Health Facility it was not even providing an immunisation session. Now the facility is providing immunisation and the people of Yalwa community are benefiting from it. An Ante-Natal Clinic is also available and pregnant mothers are attending the facility to get routine drugs and have check-ups.” Dauda Umar Fawisau, Office in Charge, Yalwa

Health Facility, Dutse Gunduma Health Council.

The aim of the DRF roll-out and training is to provide the 90 rural communities with access to quality and affordable drugs as well as improved healthcare services. Each of 90 Health Facilities is expected to cover a five to six kilometre radius, providing services to an estimated 500 to 600 villages per facility. All of this work is aimed at helping Jigawa State deliver on the Nigerian National Health Plan, as well as on Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5.

ABOUT PATHS2

The Partnership for Transforming Health Systems Phase Two (PATHS2) is a six year development initiative that aims to ensure Nigeria achieves important health-related Millennium Development Goals.

Funded by UKaid, through the UK’s Department of International Development, PATHS2 is working in partnership with the Government of Nigeria and other stakeholders, to improve the planning, financing and delivery of sustainable health services for those in most need.

Apart from working at a Federal level, PATHS2 is working in the five States of Enugu, Jigawa, Kano, Kaduna and Lagos.

PATHS2 follows the successful PATHS1, which ran from 2002 to 2008, and was also funded by UKaid.

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