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Saving Lives

Executive Governor launches distribution of vital medical equipment in Kano State

In January 2010, 53 Health facilities across Kano state, took stock of vital medical equipments from the Executive Governor of Kano State, Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau at the launch of the distribution of medical commodities in the state.

The equipments comprised of standard hospital equipment including beds and bedding, theatre equipment, midwifery kits, Emergency Obstetric Care kits, laboratory equipment and reagents which were provided by the UK Government's Department for International Development (DFID) through PATHS2.

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During the launch, the Governor implored all healthcare providers in the State to make good use of these items in order to help improve the health of people living in Kano State.

He also thanked DFID and PATHS2 for their work, saying "On behalf of the people and Government of Kano State I appreciate the efforts and support of DFID through PATHS2 in the areas of capacity building, sustainable drug supply (DRF), equipment support and health system strengthening".

The flag-off ceremony was also attended by Engineer Abdullahi T Gwarzo (the State Deputy Governor), Malama A'isha Isyaku Kiru (the Hon. Commissioner of Health) and Alhaji Tajudeen Gambo (Permanent Secretary Ministry of Health), the Director General Hospital Management Board together with senior staff from Ministries of Health, Local Government and other Government officials.



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Hon. Commissioner of Health

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His Royal Highness, the Emir of Kano, was represented by the District Head of Dala, Turakin Kano, Alh Aminu Ado Bayero. The presence of so many key figures from the State Government and Health Ministry, as well as a representative for the Emir of Kano, illustrates the importance of the event.

The successful supply of vital drugs and equipment is an essential step in enabling Kano State to deliver on the Nigerian National Health Plan, as well as to meet 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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